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News Briefs

Weyerhaeuser Announces \$1.1 Million Expansion

Howard Meck, General Manager of the Weyerhaeuser Structurwood Facility in Grayling, has announced a \$1.1 million expansion which will create seven new jobs in early 1988 and potentially 20 jobs over the next two years.

Plans are to lease, with an option to buy, the old Grayling Industries Facility on North Down River Road and install a cut-to-size saw along with precision small sanding capability in order to provide secondary manufacturing capacity to primarily serve the contract furniture industry with Structurwood panels.

Dave Hansen, a 10 year veteran with Weyerhaeuser, five years as a Team Leader in Grayling, has been named as the Project Manager for the facility.

Those interested in employment opportunities with Weyerhaeuser Company are asked to register with the Michigan Employment Security Commission on 200 South Court in Grayling. All Weyerhaeuser plant openings will be filled through referral from the M.E.S.C.

Snowstorm Closes Schools

A snowstorm that hit Tuesday morning, Dec. 15, closed Crawford AuSable Schools for the first time this school year. High winds brought the season's first big snowstorm and visibility was poor for traveling.

Crawford County To Receive \$18,443 In Forest Receipts

Crawford County will receive \$18,443 in national forest receipts this year.

The receipts are collected by the Huron National Forests for timber harvesting, recreational activities, mineral development, and other special uses. The monies are then used for public schools and roads.

Elementary Christmas Concert Scheduled For December 17 at GHS Gym

"It's the Very Best Time of the Year!" is the name of the Elementary School's Christmas concert and they are ready to sing for everyone. The concert is their gift to you, their parents and friends, and their gift to Santa. Please come and hear us sing.

The public is invited to the one hour concert on Dec. 17, 1987, at 7 p.m. in the High School Gym.

Santa To Visit Grayling State Bank With Bag of Toys On Dec. 18

Santa Claus will visit the Grayling State Bank from 3-6 p.m. Friday, Dec. 18, to listen to wish lists from area boys and girls. Santa will have treats and gifts for all good children.

Grayling Bands To Perform Christmas Concert Dec. 21

The Grayling bands will perform their annual Christmas concert on Monday, Dec. 21, at 7:30 p.m., at the Joseph Stripe Auditorium. Among the songs to be performed are "We Wish You a Merry Christmas," "Christmas Kings," "My Two Front Teeth," "Three Dances From the Nutcracker," "Happy Sounds of Christmas," and "The Twelve Days of Christmas."

The traditional last composition will be your opportunity to sing along with the senior band during your favorite Christmas carols. There will be refreshments following the concert.

10th Annual 'Meet the Grads' Scheduled for December 23

The traditional 'Meet the Grads' at GHS will be held in the library 10-11:45 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23. All GHS graduates currently in post-secondary education are invited to the event sponsored by the National Honor Society. For more information call the GHS Counseling office.

Last Chance To Enter 1988 Miss Grayling Area Pageant

The deadline for handing in applications for the Miss Grayling Area Pageant is Sunday, December 20th. If you are interested in being a contestant and have questions concerning the pageant, please call the Grayling Regional Chamber of Commerce and talk with Chris Holtz at 348-2921.

Applications are still available at the Chamber office, Grayling High School counseling office, and the Chief Shoppenagons Motor Hotel desk. Remember, this year's winner will be representing the Grayling area at the Miss Michigan Pageant in Muskegon in June.

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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 1987—18 PAGES

2 Millage Proposals Presented By Schools For Feb. 15 Vote

Two local school proposals will be presented to Crawford AuSable School District voters in a special millage election set for Monday, Feb. 15, 1988.

One proposal will ask for 21.85 mills for 5 years to continue present operations. Another separate proposal will ask for 1 mill for 5 years for additional programs and maintenance.

The last operational millage vote in the district was on April 2, 1985, when a three-year 17.95 millage was approved.

That operational millage is expiring and the school board said Monday, Dec. 14, at their regular meeting, the district will need 21.85 mills just to continue current operations.

Increased enrollment, decreases in state funding, and small or no increases in local state equalized values (which help determine tax revenues for the district) are some of the reasons the school board cited for the increased operational millage rate.

At the current 17.95 millage rate, the school district would have to make approximately \$2.3 million in cuts from 1988 through 1991.

Part of the increase in operational millage would be offset by a 1.25 mill reduction in the school district debt retirement millage, said Superintendent Kent Reynolds. The 1.25 mill reduction is connected with the bond issues for the Grayling Elementary, Frederic Elementary, Grayling High School, and Grayling Middle School. As the bond issues are paid off, the debt millage to pay for the building of the schools is reduced.

The school board voted 4-2 Monday night, Dec. 14, to place two proposals before voters on Feb. 15. Pauline Petrosky, who made the motion, Steve Langseth, who supported it, Donna Lehto, and Bernadine Dosch voted yes. Fred Allen and Rodney Lobsinger voted no and Jan Stephenson abstained.

Allen told the board he felt they should ask the voters for just what the district needs and not ask for the separate one mill for additional programs and maintenance. He said by adding the second proposal the board faces the risk of voters turning down both proposals.

Reynolds said a series of public meetings to discuss millage proposals showed there was a local group of people who felt strongly about the additional programs and maintenance. They wanted the opportunity to go out and help pass a millage for the extra programs and maintenance.

"This gives voters the opportunity to keep what we have going plus vote to improve the district if they want," said Petrosky.

Reynolds said the district has been operating on basically the same operational millage since 1979.

Airport Budget, Law Enforcement Lead County Commissioner Business

By Don Geiss

Crawford County commissioners learned at their meeting last week that it may soon be possible to enforce the law at the Grayling Airport.

According to Assistant Prosecuting Attorney Dave Sabin, since the federal takeover

of all airports during World War II, the right to reassume the control of the airport has never been granted by U.S. officials. Sabin said that when he contacted the officials, he was told to do whatever was necessary to enforce the law but was never given a direct

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Military Dedicates \$6.6 Million MATES

By Don Geiss

It is a tribute to the mechanics at MATES that they are able to keep 20 to 30 year old equipment running.

That comment was made by Maj. Gen. Vernon J. Andrews, Michigan Adjutant General, as he addressed about 200 persons at the dedication of the new \$6.6 million Mobilization and Training Equipment Site (MATES). He said that the facilities such as the MATES back the nation's defense. He said, "We must maintain conventional forces even during the period of nuclear reduction treaties."

Col. David (Skip) Hanson was given much of the credit for the facility by Gen. Andrews. He handed Hanson an inscribed letter opener detailing the day's celebration of

the event as a token of appreciation. Hanson had a brief opportunity to speak to the assembled guests and described some of the unique features of the complex.

Hanson said that the one building contains the only 25-ton crane authorized by the military. He said it is necessary to lift the turret off of tanks so that they can be waterproofed. He also drew attention to two storage buildings each of which will house vehicles. He noted that each of them is larger than three football fields in length and width.

Hanson pointed out that one of the finest features of the new facility is its location. He said that the old MATES necessitated equipment to be driven across highways and through populated areas. It was a 12-mile, 45 minute trek for tanks. The present location

allows a unit to draw equipment and be almost immediately at their training site, he said.

The dedication ceremony was a formal affair with the posting of colors including a bugler playing the National Anthem. Col. Michael McNamara, MATES superintendent, served as Master of Ceremonies and introduced Gen. Andrews. Other dignitaries on the stage included Brig. Gen. Jerome J. Mathieu, assistant adjutant general, Brig. Gen. Stanley J. Wilk, Hanson, Col. Richard Schmidt, Camp Grayling commander and Jim Moran, regional representative for U.S. Senator Carl Levin.

Moran's message from Senator Levin was: "I believe that the National Guard plays an important role in the defense of our

nation. I support continued use of Camp Grayling to train the forces of this nation that are needed to defend itself."

However the use of Camp Grayling should not impinge on private property and should be sensitive to the impact on the environment."

In his closing remarks, Gen. Andrews talked about the coming Diamond Jubilee celebration of the National Guard. He said that next year beginning about Memorial Day there are planned some major functions in this area. He said, "It will really put Grayling on the map."

An open house for the public began after the formal dedication and the invited guests were also served a luncheon courtesy of the Michigan National Guard.



CABIN RUINED — Grayling firefighters finish hosing items from inside apartment #5 at the Americana in Grayling after a fire ruined the cabin Wednesday, Dec. 9. Grayling Fire Chief Russ Strohpaal said the fire was believed to have started from a person smoking in bed.

Proposal Ties Ambulance To Increased Medicare Fees, Better Collection

By Don Geiss

Once again the question of the future of the Crawford County Ambulance Service was raised at the commission meeting last Tuesday, Dec. 8, when director Tony Doremire pointed out that the plan to hire part time Emergency Medical Technicians (EMT) would not work.

Doremire told the commissioners that there are not enough EMT's living near Grayling and the ambulance garage to make their plan feasible. He pointed out that volunteers are available only at night because they are working during the day.

Doremire suggested a two-phase plan and two paid part time individuals who could operate the service 16 hours per day, five days a week. They would work in two shifts from 7 a.m. until 11 p.m.

During the remainder of the day and on weekends volunteers could be paid on a per run basis, Doremire said. In addition his plan would call for a clerk/billing specialist four hours per day. He said that the problem in the past has been that billing has not been a priority with the service and thus many

transport charges have not been paid.

In Phase two of the plan, Doremire said that when collection of money due the service makes it possible, the original proposal would be started. In that proposal, which was presented at a public hearing some time ago, three full time and three paid on-call EMT's would operate the service 24 hours per day. Volunteers would be paid on a per call basis to provide backup, and transfer capability.

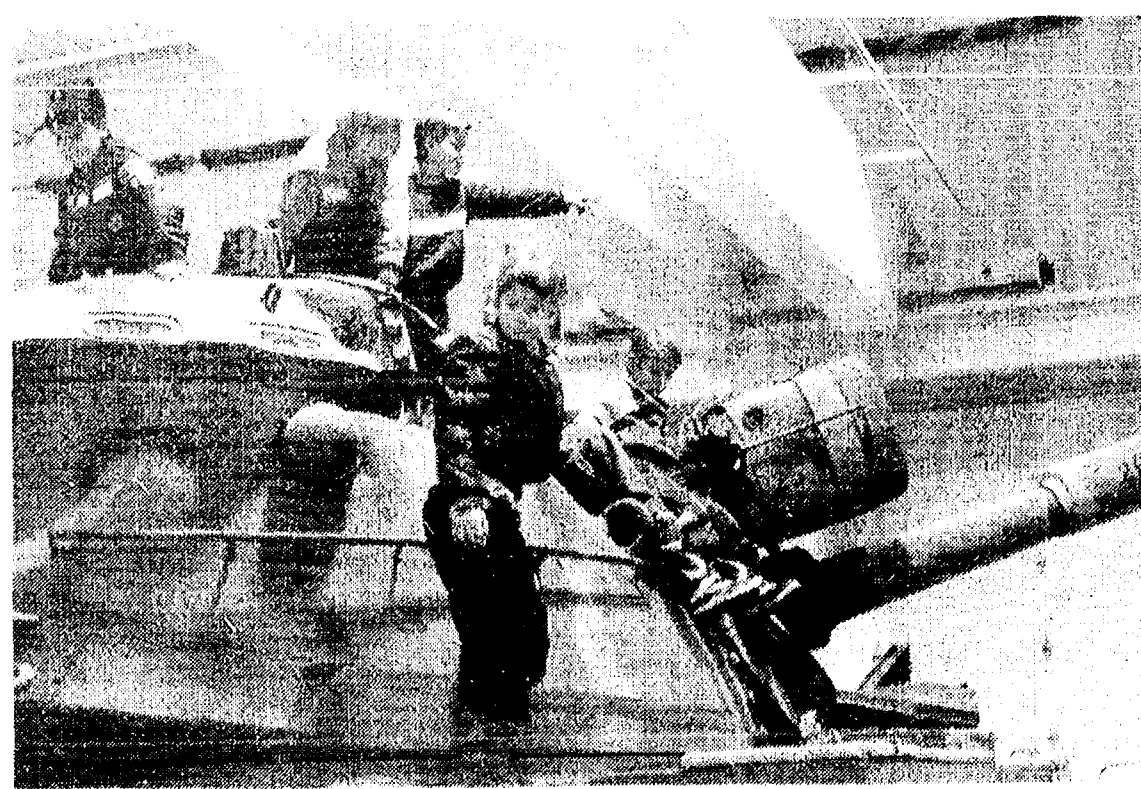
The second phase would also provide for training to upgrade service, additional equipment to upgrade service, and to obtain quarters for the ambulance personnel, Doremire commented.

The plans Doremire recommended depend on two financial matters that would provide more funds. The overdue bills must be reduced to about 15 percent from the present level of about 30 to 40 percent. In addition, Doremire said, it is vital that the federal medicare people be convinced to increase the award for a transport from \$34 to about \$96. He told commissioners that oper-

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DEDICATION SPEECH — Maj. Gen. Vernon J. Andrews spoke briefly at the dedication of the new M.A.T.E.S. complex while a number of military dignitaries looked on.



TANK PLAYGROUND — While adults were awed by the display of large equipment at the recent dedication of the M.A.T.E.S. facility, cub scouts played on a tank as children have done since the machines were invented.

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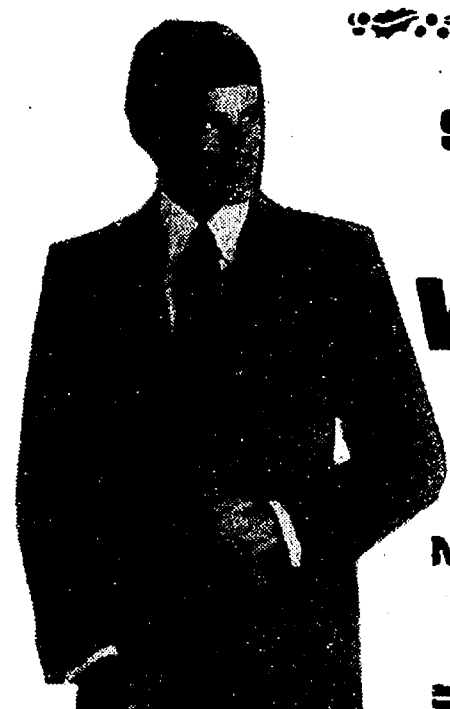
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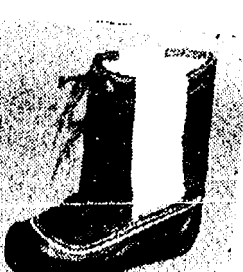
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answer about legally returning the control to local law enforcement representatives. Finally they agreed to turn back the responsibility provided the state legislature will pass a resolution requesting it, Sabin said. At long last, he reported to commissioners, a state legislator from the Detroit area sponsored the legislation which subsequently passed and is now on the governor's desk.

On another matter, commissioners agreed to pay an additional \$2,000 for rent to move the Health Department into more spacious quarters in the proposed new Mental Health Building. The Health Department has been housed in the building adjacent to the County Building. For that space the rental cost was \$4,000 which in effect the county charged itself. The space would have been worth that much money if the county had rented it to someone else but since they must budget money for the Health Department anyway they have always included the rental figure as part of the department's budget. Thus the county reduced the actual cash amount that they would give to the Health Department but absorbed the loss on the rent.

According to Commissioner Jeannette Kitchen the new Mental Health Department Building will be located near the Great Lakes Bancorp site.

Commissioner John Miller reported that Cheboygan County has agreed to pay the requested \$35,000 up front fee and to supply the \$1 million 20 year bond to reduce the likelihood of the dumping of ground water contaminants in the joint Crawford-Otsego County Landfill. He had stated last month that all counties using the landfill had been asked to supply the up front payment and bond. He said that each \$35,000 payment that is received will pay for covering five acres of the landfill with vinyl. That cover is required by the Department of Natural Resources to prevent contamination of the

groundwater.

Sheriff Harold Hatfield again raised the issue to the commissioners about housing state prisoners in the local jail and not being reimbursed for them. He noted that this time he has three prisoners that are the responsibility of the Michigan State Police. He said that the jail which is set to house 22 inmates now has 25 and some inmates are sleeping on cots. One of the state prisoners was scheduled to be taken out for a polygraph test but the state police have now postponed that until "after the first of the year". The sheriff wondered whether that meant February or later?

The commissioners also agreed to increase the budget for the airport by \$14,825. To balance the overall budget they decreased the postage budget by \$2,000, building improvement, \$4,000. Veteran's burial headstones, \$500 and insurance, \$5,000. They also removed \$3,325 from the contingency fund to add to the airport budget. The increase in the budget figure was allowed when Crawford County Transportation Director Dave Frederick said that it would be impossible to operate the facility if last year's budget was reduced by 50 percent. That was the amount of reduction planned in the proposed budget which was unveiled at the public hearing last month.

On another matter the commissioners approved selling sleds owned by the county through the Sheriff Department, to Hanson Hills for \$1. The sleds are needed by the ski patrol for use in case of an accident on the hills. They are no longer used by the Sheriff Department and thus were declared by the commissioners as surplus.

The commissioners approved entering into a purchase contract with Manatron Computer Company for \$28,628 for a computer, software and maintenance. The equipment had been budgeted for next year in the Sheriff Department but the company asked for the contract now to begin assembling the equipment.



CHRISTMAS SPIRIT — Members of local BPW, ABWA, Kiwanis, and other groups joined together to wrap presents and deliver food to more than 180 needy families in Crawford County. Crawford County Community Services provided more than \$6,500 in food, clothes, and toys to make the holidays brighter here.

County Receives Increase In Road Repair Funds

State Senator Connie Binsfeld has announced the passage of legislation she introduced that will put \$17.5 million into the reconstruction of rural primary roads in Michigan. Crawford County will receive \$215,477 or an 18 percent increase over the 1985-86 budget.

The Critical Road bill, as it was commonly known, allocates \$5 million to counties with 34 percent or more land in commercial forest, national lake shore or national park property. "With the passage of this bill, we have achieved a major victory for the de-

teriorating roads in northern Michigan," Binsfeld said. "For over a year I've been working to secure funding to repair roads in northern Michigan. My 16-county district will realize a significant increase in road funds with the passage of this bill."

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ators of other ambulance services have convinced him that it can be done. He said that the \$34 amount Medicare pays is based on the charge the service made for runs in 1983 when it was at a minimum level.

Doremire and county Treasurer Joe Wakeley will visit key persons in downstate ambulance services very soon to try and

learn the method used to raise the fees paid by Medicare. In the meantime, county commissioners took no action on changing the budget or the plan until the two sources of increased revenue are more certain. They will discuss the matter again at the December 29 meeting and consider extending the present arrangement if a short reprieve will assure the improved funding picture.

Refunds Available For Tangelos Purchased from Band Boosters

Viking Band Boosters and Golden Gem, our supplier, regrets the quality of the tangelos sold. Golden Gem will reimburse Band Boosters for all spoilage. If your tangelos were not satisfactory, please call Kathy Burkley at 348-7283 or Marilyn Rosti at 348-5189 and we will issue a refund as soon as possible. We regret any inconvenience to our customers.

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GHS S.A.D.D. Chapter Attracts 100 Members

The newly formed SADD chapter here in Grayling wrapped up its membership drive on December 11, 1987. An official membership of around 100 students, including board members, are now on the chapter. That's well above the expected goal, board officers said.

Two weeks ago each student in the high school was given an application to become a member. That student was to fill out the required application and include one dollar as a membership fee. The one dollar was to insure the student that he/she was a member.

and driving.

This week is drinking and driving awareness week in Michigan and the GHS chapter would like to ask everyone in the community to help make this a successful week without casualties. Remember — If we can dream it, it can be done.

The new members will receive a membership card and gather knowledge of SADD's goals and the local chapters goals.

The new members will help the local chapter achieve goals by speaking with elementary and junior high students about the problems of drinking, drugs and other peer related problems. The members will also help in bringing the community together to fight drinking

GRAYLING Regional Chamber of Commerce Calendar of Events

- Dec. 16 6:30 p.m. — Lions/Lioness Dinner meeting & program at Holiday Inn.
7:30 p.m. — Order of the Eastern Star Initiation and Cookie Walk.
- Dec. 17 5 p.m. — C.O.A. Christmas Dinner Dance at K of C Hall. Serving Prime Rib.
8 p.m. — K of C meeting
- Dec. 18 2 p.m. — Mercy Hospital Auxiliary Teddy Bear raffle. Tickets 50 cents or 3/\$1.00 on sale at Gift Shop.
- Dec. 19 1-3 p.m. — Eagles' members' children Christmas party with Santa.
- Dec. 20 11 a.m. & 3 p.m. Service — Choir and Hand Bells in community presentation of seasonal music at Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church.
6 p.m. — Christmas Play and Afterglow at the Assembly of God Church.
- Dec. 21 7 p.m. — High School & Middle School Christmas Band Concert.
- Dec. 24 5 p.m. — Christmas Vespers Service at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.
5:30 p.m. — St. Mary's Christmas Eve Mass.
7 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Service at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.
7:30 p.m. — Christmas Eve Candlelight Holy Communion Service at St. John Evangelical Lutheran Church.
Midnight — Christmas Eve Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church.
- Dec. 25 8:30 & 10:30 a.m. — Christmas Mass at St. Mary's Catholic Church.
10 a.m. — Christmas Day Communion Service at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.
- Dec. 31 7 p.m. — New Year's Communion Service at Mt. Hope Lutheran Church.
9 p.m. Watchnight Service at Assembly of God Church.

To have your organization's event printed in the Calendar of Events, please call the Chamber office at 348-2921.

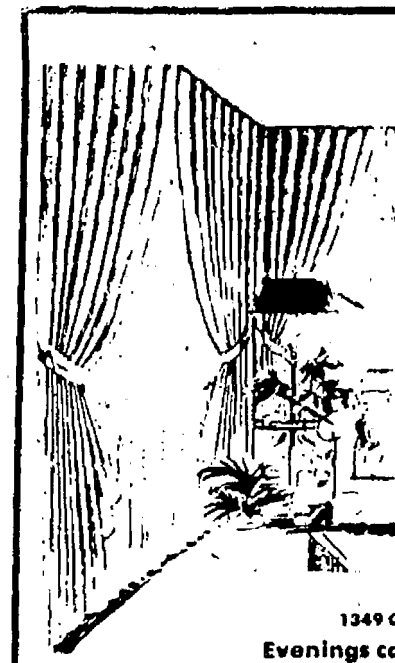
Early Deadlines Announced For Holiday Avalanche Issues

The Crawford County Avalanche office will be closed Friday, Dec. 25, for Christmas, and Friday, Jan. 1, for New Year's Day. Because of the holidays, deadlines for advertisements and news items will be moved to 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 23, for the Thursday, Dec. 31st issue and 5 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, for the Thursday, Jan. 7th issue.

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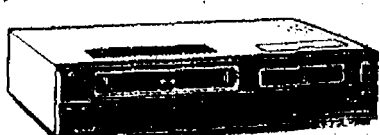
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Opinions

Northern Views

By Jon Thompson



Before 1987 ends, fill out this short survey and we'll find out who was the Best in Crawford County in 1987.

National magazines and newspapers often have surveys or lists about celebrities such as the Worst Dressed List. But how would Crawford County residents know what Joan Collins wears home from the studio?

The most important people in Avalanche news are not Hollywood stars but Crawford County residents.

These 10 survey questions are intended to give a little recognition to local residents. You can use the blanks here or just mail in your answers numbered 1-10 to the Crawford County Avalanche, P.O. Box 490, Grayling, Survey forms will also be available at the Avalanche office at 100 Michigan Avenue from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday-Friday. You can also drop the completed survey through the mail slot in the Avalanche office door anytime after office hours.

Please fill out the survey anonymously. Do not put your name on the form (except as an answer to one of the questions if you want).

Please return the survey by 5 p.m. Thursday, Dec. 31. The results will be published in the first January issue of the Avalanche. Answer with Crawford County residents only.

The Best of Crawford County in 1987

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| Best Dressed Man in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | Best Looking Boy in Crawford County in 1987 _____ |
| 2. Most Attractive Woman in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | 7. Funniest Person in Crawford County in 1987 _____ |
| Most Attractive Man in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | 8. Smartest Person in Crawford County in 1987 _____ |
| 3. Best Person To Work With in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | 9. Friendliest Cat in Crawford County in 1987. _____ |
| 4. The Best "Good Samaritan" who helps people without concern for recognition of his good deeds in 1987 _____ | Cat's Name _____ |
| 5. Friendliest Man in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | Owner's Name _____ |
| Friendliest Woman in Crawford County in 1987 _____ | Friendliest Dog in Crawford County in 1987. _____ |
| | Dog's Name _____ |
| | Owner's Name _____ |
| | 10. Crawford County person you would most like to get to know better _____ |



Almanack

Budget Cuts Bring Wails

by Richard Millman

IT'S NOT EASY to balance a governmental budget, as Edward McNamara, Wayne County Executive, can attest.

Mr. McNamara, however, has fashioned a slimmed-down program to run government in Michigan's biggest county, and produced loud cries of anguish along with the budget cuts.

In announcing \$12 million in budget slashes, Mr. McNamara made it clear he really didn't like what he was doing, but because the law required the county to have a balanced budget, he had no choice.

The Wayne County travail just goes to show how tough it is for government to dig itself out of a financial hole.

The \$12 million Wayne budget cut is only 5 percent of the county's total \$229 million budget, but critics of the cut would have you think the results would practically close down county government.

DEVASTATING, DANGEROUS and insane were three of the adjectives critics used to describe the \$12 million cuts which would close part of the county jail, reducing number of sheriff department positions, close county parks, eliminating 10 prosecutors, cut day care for mental patients, close some clinics, reduce library services.

"Insane," said Detroit Mayor Coleman Young. "That would be a disaster."

"It went beyond cute," said Arthur Carter, Wayne Commission chair. "We're on a resuscitator now."

"Go home and lock your doors," advised Richard Kaufman, chief Wayne Circuit judge. "I think Wayne County is perilously close to leaving the family of civilized societies."

And all that about a measly little old 5 percent reduction in overall county budget. His critics had a supporter in Mr. McNamara himself.

"I DON'T DISAGREE," he said. "They're right."

The way out of the dilemma, McNamara claims, is for the state legislature to adopt a Wayne County bailout program, keyed to higher local taxes on cigarettes, parking fees at Metro airport, and court fees.

Perhaps Mr. McNamara picked especially sensitive areas for his knife to highlight the county's plight and force favorable action by the legislature. This is what happens in many local school districts, when millage is in danger, and the school boards announce plans to eliminate football, band and other popular programs if the millage fails. It's usually a gimmick, but it usually works.

THE ENTIRE INCIDENT points up the severe difficulty any government has in attempting to stop doing things it has been doing, and to stop paying for things it has been financing in the past.

A second step of the McNamara program was a \$15.5 million cut for indigent health care. Immediately hospitals claimed they would have to deny health care to the poor and threatened to sue, and Mayor Young chastised McNamara for "balancing the budget on the backs of the poor people of Detroit."

Mr. McNamara admitted that was true.

"I think if you measured, you'd find that 85 percent of what the county does deals with the poor," Mr. McNamara said. "But if not here, where? Where do we cut?"

AM, YES. THAT is the dilemma. Where does the government cut?

At the same time the Wayne County budget planners seek \$27 million, in budget cuts, the state of Michigan is looking at another \$200 million in budget overage, and we all

Letters to the Editor

Must We Have a World War or Disaster To Realize Importance of National Guard?

My ire and provocation has finally reached its peak and I am compelled to share my thoughts on the existence of the National Guard Camp in and surrounding Crawford County. I am not speaking through inexperience having lived for 3 years on Headquarters Rd. and heard the noise of helicopters and artillery and having dishes and windows rattle in my home. (Better this from our troops training than from enemy artillery.)

Knowing full well the constancy of these activities, my husband and I chose to retire in the area. To those of you who retired here or are employed or unemployed

residents of the area, I am certain you were knowledgeable of the fact the National Guard training area was here. We should be thankful training exercises are carried out only a short time each year. Most military installations are year-round operations. What a small price for residents of this area to pay!

My two sons are currently serving their country in the United States Air Force - one is an instructor pilot and one is a missile launch officer who has never had to launch a missile. One word can aptly explain why - PREPAREDNESS. This preparedness does not just hap-

pen; it comes only after much training and sacrifice.

To the disgruntled environmentalists, have you considered what would become of our environment should we be subjected to enemy warfare? I, too, am concerned about this beautiful area, but instead of only complaints, why not channel our energies to work with the leaders of the National Guard to help protect wildlife in our area?

Another factor to consider is the economical impact the National Guard has upon this area. Numerous civilians have obtained employment either directly or indirectly because of the Guard's location here, to say nothing of the amount of dollars spent here during the encampments. Without it unemployment and government support programs

would increase and in turn so would our taxes.

Certainly the presence of large numbers of men and women in the area during summer encampments creates problems. Again local citizens who are disenchanted with their presence might attempt to correct the shortcomings by working with appropriate personnel.

Must we also be reminded that in times of national emergencies the National Guard is on standby alert for any assistance necessary?

We should be privileged to live in a country where we are free to express our opinions in the press. This freedom is afforded us due largely through our democratic government and our strength militarily. Must we have a devastating world war or a local emergency for

us to realize a strong, well trained National Guard is of utmost importance? Let everyone do a part to preserve the peace!

In closing I wish to share a thought written by John Mills:

"War is an ugly thing, but not the ugliest of things; the decayed and degraded state of moral and patriotic feeling which thinks that nothing is worth war is much worse. A man who has nothing for which he is willing to fight; nothing he cares about more than his own personal safety is a miserable creature who has no chance of being free, unless made and kept so by the exertions of better men than he."

Sincerely yours,
Carole Batway
Waters, Michigan

No Excuses For DNR Inaction On Manistee

Typically, there are two sides or points of view on each issue. Last week's Avalanche article on lamprey in the Manistee River presented the defensive posture of the Department of Natural Resources neglect of this river. The article presented the usual DNR excuses for inaction.

Last year's representatives of the Upper Manistee River Association met with Regional DNR executives seeking to determine the cause of reduced fishing quality. The study this last summer by the DNR, using electro-shocking devices at eight stations on the upper river was a direct result of this previous meeting. This most recent study duplicated the DNR studies conducted in 1966 which resulted in the application of lampricide at that time. Now the DNR states that more data is needed.

In recent meetings with the DNR at Regional Headquarters, the excuses for inaction changed frequently. At first, it was the budget issue. Funds are always available within the budget

for high priority needs. In this instance it was indicated that warm water fisheries, the walleye, may have had higher priority.

This change in direction was pointed over by the sudden decision that lampreys might be a problem downriver from Sharon. This suspicion of infestation apparently didn't exist when the electro-shocking was conducted in late summer. When questioned, the President of the Manistee River Association, Pife Lake, indicated that no lamprey problem existed in the lower river.

DNR executive in Lansing then offered the reasoning that time was not available to obtain Great Lakes Fisheries Commission approval. Following this approval was the need to schedule U.S. Fish and Wildlife lampricide application crews. It was revealed that at the end of November, these two agencies had not been contacted. The question of a fisheries management plan for the Upper Manistee River never arose as a part of the decision making process. It is curious that no such management plan exists for any of the rivers in our area. A draft plan for the AuSable below Mio has been in Lansing for nearly a year with no action.

In the final analysis, the decision by the DNR to forget about the Upper Manistee River, rests clearly in the lap of John Scott, DNR Fisheries Chief. None of the proffered excuses appear as valid reasons for such inaction by Scott - and he retires in April 1988.

Benjamin Butts

Michelson Presents Annual Christmas Cantata Dec. 20

Dear Mr. Thompson, Don Geiss's article about our community churches got off to a wonderful start this week. Thank you for a most informative beginning to this series with the historical perspective of Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church. This article may have raised some additional interest in the music of the Michelson church. I must here say that Grayling is blessed with many very fine Christian music programs, both within and apart from the more traditional "church" service context.

We all share our strengths and talents in various ways. The yardstick should never be technical performance alone, but first and foremost, the heartfelt efforts of the participants to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

This coming Sunday, December 20th, both of these ingredients will be combined in a seasonal musical offering by the combined adult and handbell choirs of Michelson Methodist Church. Because of the lack of vocal music in this school district beyond 4th grade, this is one of the rare opportunities for area persons to hear quality choir music. The community is encouraged to attend this event - not just to appreciate the

beautiful technical performance it will be, but to experience the true Christian purpose and spiritual inspiration this season offers us all.

Sincerely,
Carol Beckus
Music coordinator
Michelson Memorial United Methodist Church

Woman Is Glad Police Officers Unlock Vehicles

Dear Sir, This letter is a response to M. Liest, a Roscommon locksmith:

I'm sure I speak for any woman who has been locked out of her car. It's a very frightening experience, to say the least. I have had it happen to me. The stores had just closed and there wasn't a phone in miles. A motorist pulled into the parking lot and instead of helping me, he made a series of lewd suggestions. I was terrified and about to smash a window in the van when a scout car pulled up. The officer "served and protected" me by using his "tool" to unlock my car and see me on my way. Had he tried to contact a locksmith at 10:15 p.m. he'd have waited there with me until help arrived and who knows how long? Would he have been on the

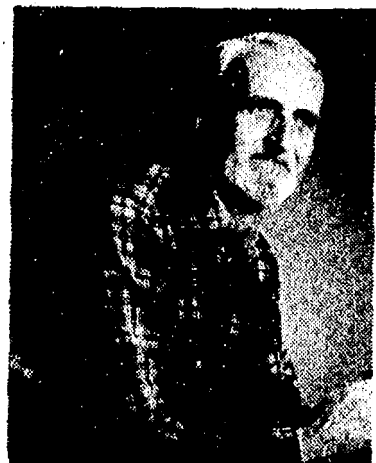
road doing his job? You speak of "rights...I have the right to the protection and help he offered. In an adverse situation, I would prefer the help of a policeman, than just anyone. At least, I know I can trust him.

I can't believe you had the nerve to admonish the woman or the officer because of monetary interests. Does money mean more than a citizen's safety and well-being?

I hope there's a "tool" in every police car and that the officers all know how to use them as well as that officer did. Bravo!

By the way, I'd like to thank the officer who helped me fix my wiper blade then sped off on call...now let's hear it from the mechanics.

Out in the cold...
Mrs. Mary Merikas
Roscommon, MI



Ponderings

AMAC Who Are You?

By Don Geiss

By this time everyone is probably aware of the fact that a suit has been brought against the Michigan State Department of Military Affairs attempting to place restrictions on using the Hanson Estate donated lands on which Camp Grayling stands.

That suit was brought by the AuSable/Manistee Action Council (AMAC), listed as a non-profit corporation. The one name that continually comes up as signing news releases is that of Dan L. Alostott. The organization also has purchased advertising space to question the guard's right to use the land for such things as an artillery range. There are no signatures on those ads. It is identified only as coming from the AMAC.

It takes very little thought to realize that it costs money to advertise. It takes bushels of money to hire an attorney and enter into a court suit. We would suppose that it will take even more money to fight state attorneys. It could be suspected that somewhere down the line the federal government might "get" into the act.

Many people have stopped us to ask just who the individuals are that have sponsored the court action. Many of them are afraid

that because they live along one of the streams that they might be suspect simply because of residence.

We are told by an attorney that since the organization is listed as non-profit their membership rolls cannot be easily obtained. As far as we know the organization has not published that roll nor for that matter has it published the officers or board of directors.

It would be interesting to see the list of all three because it would certainly indicate the depth of backing they really have for their activities. It would be even more interesting to see where the members come from and what positions they hold.

Of three individuals that we have heard about two are retired and live in the area while a third is a cottage owner and still active in business in a southern Michigan community. It would be interesting to determine how many of these individuals have any business interest in Grayling and Crawford County. It would also be interesting to find out who contributed to the suit. If there was a general solicitation for funds, when did it take place?

Yes, it would be interesting to find out all of these things and hopefully we will hear from the organization so that the public can be informed.

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A Look At Our Past

23 Years Ago
December 17, 1964

Mike Lovely arrived home from Ferris State College weekend before last to spend some time with his parents, the Leo Lovelys. He is attending a ski instructor's school at Boyne Mountain since his return, and expects to do some instruction both at Boyne and at the Grayling park.

Mr. and Mrs. James Klein are the parents of a second son, Barry James, born November 24th and weighing 9 lbs. 2 ozs. His grandparents are the Lyle Whipples of Moorestown and the Robert Kleins.

Guests of the Paul Thomsons Sunday, the 6th, were Mr. and Mrs. Peter Piazza and four children of Traverse City.

Miss Caroline Allison will be home from CMU, Mt. Pleasant Friday for the Christmas vacation with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Leonard Allison.

Bill Kraus, Jr., will be home Friday from Marist Preparatory School, Bedford, Mass., to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Kraus, Sr. They plan to meet him at Metropolitan Airport and bring him home.

Dr. and Mrs. B.E. Henig entertained a few friends with a carol fest open house at their home Sunday evening from 5 o'clock.

Weekend guests of the Floyd Millikins were the Lawrence Woods and daughter Elaine of Quincy, who came to attend the Saturday installation at the F. and A.M. in which Floyd was installed as Worshipful Master.

Dave Wyman arrived home last weekend from Houghton Tech., having completed the requirements for his B.S. degree in civil engineering. He is spending Christmas vacation with his parents, the Kenneth Wymans, and then plans to go to work for the state of California.

Mrs. Ernest Borchers returned home Tuesday of last week after spend-

ing ten days with her daughter and family, the John Sojkas, in Rochester. She had accompanied them there after the Sojkas spent their Thanksgiving here.

Gary DuBois of CMU will be home Friday to spend Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Dick DuBois.

46 Years Ago

December 18, 1941
Mr. and Mrs. Frank Galloway are happy over the arrival of a son, Michael Patrick, December 15th at Mercy Hospital.

Otto Failing, Lewis Dorman and Eugene Irwin, who are hunting wildcats, have succeeded in shooting three this week.

Miss Florence Butler is leaving Saturday for Dearborn to visit her father William Butler Sr., and other relatives over Christmas.

Mrs. Else Rasnussen will leave Monday to be gone over the holidays visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hanson.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Hanson spent Friday and Saturday in Saginaw visiting relatives. Miss Caroline Welch and nephew Mickey Hanson returned with them to visit Miss Welch's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Welch.

Announcements have been received from Mr. and Mrs. George V. Craig of Birmingham telling of the birth of twin daughters to them on November 29th. Judith Ann weighed 5 pounds 6½ ounces and Susan Kay 4 pounds, 15½ ounces. The mother, who was formerly Mary Mahncke and is well known here, was a

twin herself.

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Alma of Frederic are happy over the arrival of a son, born Tuesday evening. The baby weighs 9 pounds and 6 ounces.

Wesley Sammons of Lansing is visiting his mother, Mrs. Ella Sammons.

69 Years Ago

December 19, 1918
Alfred Hanson returned to Grayling last week having received an honorable discharge from the service. He came from Kentucky where he has been in training since leaving the Government school at Valparaiso, Ind.

Freborn McDermaid of the U.S.N. arrived here yesterday on a two weeks furlough from Great Lakes training station.

A baby daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Feldhauser of Lovells Friday, December 6th.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Christenson of the south side Friday, December 13th.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Carl Babbitt last Sunday. Mrs. Babbitt was formerly Miss Jessie Failing.

Homer Annis, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Annis of Beaver Creek, has been honorably discharged from military service and has returned home.

The Cosmopolitan Restaurant has changed hands and Mrs. Julia Gendron is the proprietress. Ernest Richards, the former proprietor, will still retain the billiard and pool room, that is in connection with the restaurant.

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RSVP Knitters Help Youngsters Keep Warm

By Pete Meze

Six busy bees is the way you might classify the six grandmas of the Crawford-Roscommon counties RSVP. They have been knitting up a storm making mittens and caps the last few months to keep some youngsters in the 5 to 8 year age bracket warm this coming winter.

The senior member of this Knitting Grandma's Brigade is 93-year old Loretta Barnes. A Grayling resident, she has been active in this project the past 14 years, thus having seniority in age and service with the RSVP (Retired Senior Volunteer Program).

Colleagues of Barnes in this endeavor are Hattie Kenyon, 88, of Roscommon, Nola Robertson, 83, Roscommon, Florence Weaver, 80, Grayling, Emma Knibbs, 90, a native of Grayling, having been born and raised in Grayling, and Eva McDonough, 77, of Beaver Creek Township. All have been active these many years.

Loretta Barnes, spokesperson for the Grandma Gang, states, "Over the year the group has knitted

150 sets of caps and mittens for the children of the two counties."

Commented Florence Weaver, a Grayling resident for 40 years, "For us, this is great therapy. That's why we are so hooked on doing this."

Nola Robinson said, "It generally takes about six hours (barring no instructions) to knit a cap. Mittens they can do in five hours."

Loretta Barnes, 93, has never had a serious illness. Barnes is also involved with crocheting for the local Girl Scouts and also in her home church, Michelson Memorial.

The youngest member of this group, Eva McDonough, in addition to her knitting, is

involved in telephone re-assurance contacts which is so helping to those in need of contact. McDonough also does some crocheting, and craft work projects for the RSVP.

Nola Robinson, in addition to having sewn 25 sets this year to date, is involved with visitation of the shut-ins.

All of the Knitting Brigade have raised fine families and combined they have many grandchildren, and also great grandchildren.

Credit the Business Women's Association of Grayling with providing all the yarn the Knitting Brigade consumes during the course of one year.

So concludes the "yarn" about the RSVP Grandma's Knitting Brigade!

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Callewaert, who holds a Masters Degree in Public Administration, will be working in the area of legislative initiatives in the issue areas of concern to seniors. "I want to alert seniors that there are ongoing scams afoot in home-improvement, credit card fraud and other areas. I urge you to ask for, and check on, references before contracting for home construction or improvements. Also do not give your credit card numbers to anyone that you do not know and trust," Callewaert said.

"Beware also of politicians who are liberal with other peoples money. These factions have a lusty interest in your real property, your social security and other pension funds. Through shared knowledge and cooperation we can work to protect and conserve all that we have worked so hard to earn. I am personally committed to working with several important senior citizen projects in the upcoming months." If you have a problem or concern in this area, Callewaert can be reached at 517/348-9255.

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Freedom Important to Local Free Methodist Church

By Don Geiss

The Free Methodist and Southern Baptist Churches have changed the least of any church with a history of over 100 years.

That was a statement made by Reverend Dwight Knasel, pastor of the Grayling Free Methodist Church, as he was discussing the conservative nature of his church. He commented about the reason for the word "free" as a part of the denomination's name by pointing out that it represents about four different ideas. First of all, he said, the church offers free seats where other religions charged a pew rental. The word also means freedom of spirit and freedom from secret societies.

Rev. Knasel talked about the final reason for the word by pointing out that somehow many religions are founded during times of crisis. In the case of the Free Methodists, it was the Civil War, he commented. At that time the free meant that no member could hold slaves. He pointed out that one individual who had hundreds of slaves and was very rich rid himself of them so that he could become a member.

Locally the records of the church show that it was founded in 1919 under what is known as the North Michigan Conference. The various conferences are designated for purposes of convenient administration of the entire church. The first pastor appointed by the conference was Daniel Skanes who along with two other pastors to follow stayed only one year.

The records show that Manie Clark and Retta Schryer shared the responsibility in 1920 while Schryer continued alone in 1921. Then in 1922 Charles Spencer was appointed and remained for two years. Following Spencer there is apparently a long list of pastors up to 1930 under a church heading listing of "to be supplied". Rev. Knasel said that often what happened is that for some reason at the annual conference meeting the leaders were not quite ready to name a pastor for certain of the churches and so they were named later in the year but never recorded. (Perhaps there are local church members who can identify some of these individuals. The Avalanche would be happy to identify them in a later edition.)

In August 1929 at the East Michigan Annual Conference steps were taken to change the boundaries so that the Grayling "society" could be included on its roles rather than as a participant in the North Michigan Conference. Rev. Knasel said that once again the move was made for convenient administration since the boundary between the two was U.S. 27. Ultimately the change was made and church history notes that the "society" was given permission to "negotiate the purchase of the property".

That property was purchased for \$250 in 1930 but the location is not identified except for a later notation about a church on Shellenbarger Street at the southern edge of town. One can only assume that the location was the site of the first purchase of property and erection of a church. Later records show that W.J. Cross, a district elder led a move to recognize the local "society" and at that time the members were meeting in "a small, inadequate building" on Shellenbarger Street. The reorganization took place in November of 1934 but between that date and 1930 four other pastors led the church.

In 1930 it was James Sharp, in 1931, Ira C. Grabill and apparently another person whose name is not recorded was pastor in 1933. It would appear that C.J. Clemens and Katherine Clemens along with another unidentified person led the members in 1934 at the time the church was reorganized.

Six other pastors are named from that time until 1951 including Charles Stevens, 1935, Orville and Eva Lee, 1937, Alva Calkins, 1942, Bertha Davis, 1945 and Herbert Sebree, 1949. Then in 1951 Don Cleveland became pastor and it was during his tenure in 1953 that a major building improvement took place.

The project took the form of a large expansion to the edifice on Shellenbarger Street. The records show that the building

doubled in size. The dedication of what is recorded as the "new church" was conducted by Bishop Mark D. Ormston on April 11, 1954.

In 1954 another change in the leadership brought Wayne Root to the church and two years later D.W. Healy became the pastor. During his stay according to church history, the "circuit" was changed to include Roscommon. Although the pastor continued to reside in the parsonage connected to the rear of the Grayling church, he commuted to services in the other city. That policy remained, one assumes through the tenure of Charles Allen who was one of the longer serving pastors as he arrived on the scene in 1958 and was replaced in 1965.

When Robert E. Buck became pastor in 1965, he moved to the parsonage in Roscommon. History indicates that from then until the new parsonage was built in Grayling, the pastor resided in Roscommon. There is no indication of when that occurred in the church records.

In the spring of 1972 the church property on Shellenbarger Street was sold and the new site on M-72 West was purchased. The congregation held their last service at the old church in June and then met at the Grayling Sportsman's Club until August. At that point they agreed to worship at the Roscommon church until the new one in Grayling was completed.

A groundbreaking service was held on July 2, 1972, with Pastor Otis Smith in charge. He was assisted by former pastor, retired Sister Bertha Davis. Smith, according to the records is the longest serving pastor having arrived in 1968 and leaving in 1980.

First services were held in the fellowship hall on April 1, 1973. On October 28, 1973, the church was dedicated by Bishop W. Dale Cryderman. Again church records indicate that the church did not have what was considered a full time pastor until 1974. At the annual conference in 1973 Grayling was adopted as a conference evangelistic project. That was done to give financial support to Grayling so that they could have a full time pastor.

At that point the congregation built a spacious bi-level parsonage in Karen Woods in 1974. Smith was appointed full time pastor and moved into the new parsonage on September 18 of that year.

The church presently has 106 members and has 141 persons attending worship. Knasel has been pastor since 1983 when he replaced Larry Evoy. He has served congregations in Hale, Mayville, Kalamazoo, Michigan, as well as Sterling and Peoria, Illinois. He noted that since his home was in Cheboygan, coming to Grayling was actually like coming home.

Knasel said that unusual happenings since he has been the pastor have been almost nonexistent. He recalls, however, the winter when men were clearing the roof of snow and one of them fell off. Fortunately he landed up to his hips in a snowbank and was unhurt.

The spacious, colonial style church with a sanctuary capable of seating 220 persons is one of the most attractive in the community. Its beautiful lines and outstanding location beckons to the members as it is an outward sign of the dedication to God inside.



FIRST CHURCH — The first Free Methodist and early congregation is shown here. The location was on Shellenbarger Street in the building which now houses the Abundant Life Tabernacle Church.

Red Cross To Sponsor Swim-a-Cross Fundraiser

The 4-H Water Safety Corps will be participating in a Swim-A-Cross fundraiser sponsored by the American Red Cross on Sunday, Feb. 7, 1988, at 12:30 at the Grayling Holiday Inn. Mrs. Jean Schmidt, Water Safety Director for Crawford County, will be handling the event.

The Swim-a-cross is open to any and all swimmers in

the Grayling-Roscommon area. All swimmers will be responsible for getting their own sponsors. Sponsors will be asked to donate for each lap that their swimmer completes. One hundred laps of the pool equals 1 mile.

Volunteer workers for the Swim-a-cross will also be needed. Refreshments will be served to swimmers and volunteers. Anyone interested in swimming or working in this event, contact Jean Schmidt 275-8844 or Jessie Gordon, 275-5520 or the 4-H office in Grayling.

A meeting will be held at the Courthouse in January. All swimmers and workers

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No December Meeting for AARP

The Grayling Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons will not hold a meeting in December. Also, there will not be a pot-luck this month.

The January meeting will be the 4th Monday, Jan. 25th, at 1 p.m. at the Commission on Aging offices. Please plan to attend. There will be a program and refreshments will be served. Visitors are always welcome, says Frances Olsen, publicity chairwoman.

IN MEMORY

In Loving Memory of my mom, Phyllis Shearer, this Christmas, 1987.

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When you awaken in the morning's hush, I am the swift uplifting rush of quiet birds in circled flight, I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry, I am not there, I did not die.

My love, Mike

Morford Receives MSU Degree

Ryan Morford, of Grayling, received a Bachelor of Arts degree in Materials and Logistics Management - Operations Management from Michigan State University.

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Viking Matmen Win Ludington Tournament

The Grayling wrestlers continued their perfect team record winning the Ludington tournament Saturday,

Dec. 12. The Vikings had 9 wrestlers in the finals at Ludington and produce 5 champions, Mark Lowe, Buck Monforton, Ward Jones, John Gay, and Brian Kernstock.

Lowe extended his undefeated mark to 10-0 while winning the 126-pound division. Monforton, 132 pounds, improved his record to 9-0. Jones, 155 pounds, is also 9-0 and a GHS career mark of 104-36. Gay, 167 pounds, is 8-2 for the season, and Kernstock, 185 pounds, is 7-1.

Andy Moore, 5-5, took 2nd at 98 pounds, Terry Sorenson, 6-2, took 2nd at 112 pounds, Tim Cook, 8-1, took 2nd at 119 pounds, and Tim Colling, 3-1, took 2nd at 145 pounds.

Jason Wright, 9-1, took 3rd at 138 pounds.

Grayling won with 179½ points over Hisperia 162, Hart 127½, Fremont 95, Mason County Central 82, Ludington 69, Benzie Central 48, and Manistee Catholic Central 26.

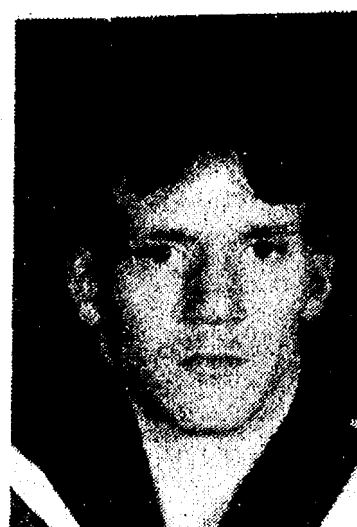
Viking coach Don Ferguson said his wrestlers are going good right now. He said there were 22 of last year's state qualifiers at the Ludington tournament including six from Hisperia, a top class C school.

Ferguson also said the Vikings would be ranked in the top ten in class C right now if they had not been bumped to class B. Grayling was three students over the class C limit on the 4th Friday count.

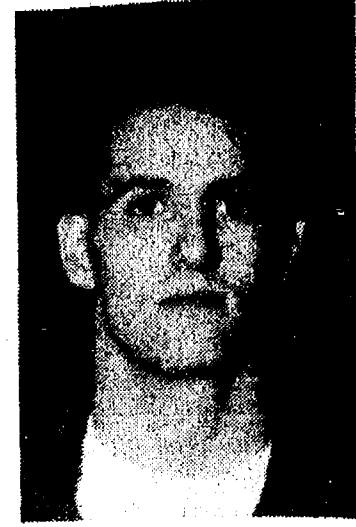
Grayling beat Rogers City 42-27 Thursday to improve their dual record to 3-0. Sorenson, Cook, Lowe, Mon-

forton, Wright, Collings, and Jones won by pins and Moore defeated his opponent in the win.

The Vikings have won both tournaments they've entered and have a perfect dual record so far.



Ward Jones



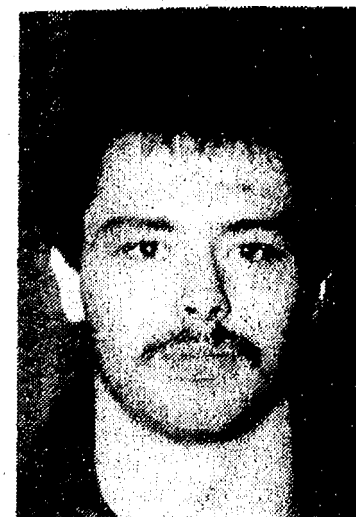
Mark Lowe



Buck Monforton



Brian Kernstock



John Gay

Bowling

THURS. MORNING COFFEE LEAGUE

1. Rikers Towing.....35
2. Parsons Adv.....33
3. Spike's.....30
4. Plaza Bar.....28
5. Moshier's S & S.....26
6. Grayling Floor Covering.....26
7. Ausable Construction.....25
8. Gene's Dinner Bell.....21

High Game: J. Helsel 197, T. Papendick 190, K. Moshier 188.

High Series: J. Helsel 472, D. Carlson 462, K. Moshier 454.

NATIONAL 1ST DIVISION

1. Northland Appliance.....35½
2. Budweiser.....34½
3. Bear's Country Inn.....32
4. Legion Lounge.....26
5. Red Barn.....26
6. Eagles #3465.....24
7. Arrowhead.....23
8. Carlisle Paddles.....23

High Series: D. Farner 582, G. Wolfe 577, R. Anderson 568.

High Game: R. Anderson 226, L. Dornick 221, R. Case 212.

Grayling BB League Results

Holiday Inn came back from an 11-point deficit in the 4th quarter to win a tight ballgame 70-69 over Spike's in the opening game for both teams.

Century 21/Chief Shoppenagons used a 23-5 third quarter to overtake Patti's Country House/Milan Supply and win 98-80.

The Camp Lehman-Spike's and Glen's Market-Holiday Inn games on Wed., Dec. 16, have been moved back one half hour because of a GHS freshman game.

Holiday Inn - Cross 21, Bindschatel 14, Peters 8, M. Zaeny 6, T. Doremire 6, Madill 4, M. Doremire 4, Kaiser 3, Smith 2, Baynham 2.

Spike's - Bush 19, Fox 15, Walker 9, Kucharek 8, Burkett 6, McNamara 5, Thimmes 3, Tobin 2, Coors 2.

C-21/Shoppenagons - Upton 26, Hinkle 24, Wolcott 17, Thompson 13, White 9, Madson 4, Croze 3, Kohnert 2.

Patti's/Milan - Krey 17, Junttila 15, Grant 12, P. Hamlin 11, Fagan 10, Lovely 6, Trenary 5, S. Hamlin 4.

SENIOR CITIZENS

1. McLean's Hardware.....41
2. Flowers by Josie.....39
3. Great Lakes Federal.....38
4. Larry & Joan's.....31
5. Cornett Insurance.....27
6. McMaisters Bridge.....27
7. Greenbush Tavern.....24
8. R & H Sports.....12

High Series: R. Pryor 559, E. Wilde 535, D. Germain 524.

High Game: R. Pryor 218, E. Wilde 198, R. Pryor and D. Germain 189.

High Series: B. Pryor 488, B. LaDronka 471, D. Bellanger 442.

High Game: B. Pryor 178, B. LaDronka 177 and 171.

AMERICAN 1ST DIVISION

1. Helsel's Firewood.....35
2. Cornell Realty.....30½
3. Cragg Machine.....25
4. Farm Bureau.....19½
5. Pit Stop.....18
6. DDC.....18
7. Team No. 8.....16
8. R & H Repair & Refinish.....14

High Series: R. Case 582, B. Ruddy 559, G. Helsel 549.

High Game: R. Case 582, B. Ruddy 559, G. Helsel 549.

High Game: R. Case 582, B. Ruddy 559, G. Helsel 549.

NORTHWOOD LEAGUE

1. Bubble's Belle's.....39½
2. Parsons Adv.....33
3. Laurie's.....30
4. Helsel's Firewood.....30
5. K.K. Masonry.....29½
6. Goodale's Bakery.....28
7. Ruthie's Girls.....25
8. Grayling Floor Covering.....25

High Game: B. Helsel 198, S. Pellon 196, J. Harland 180.

High Series: B. Helsel & S. Pellon 510, J. Harland 478, S. Hoffman & J. Hinds 474.

AMERICAN 2ND DIVISION

1. McLean's Ace.....32
2. Skip's.....31
3. Glen's.....31
4. Patti's.....31
5. Northland Appliance.....30
6. Grayling Auto.....27
7. Legion.....26
8. Wiltse.....16

High Game: M. Keir 214, L. Davis Sr. 207, F. Armstrong 203.

High Series: L. Davis Sr. 598, M. Keir 505, T. Ockerman 503.

SUNDAY NITE MIXED DOUBLES

1. Helsel's Forest Products.....33
2. Gary's Drywall.....33
3. Down River Ace.....31
4. Rochette's.....31
5. K.M.P.K.....29
6. Crawford County Collision.....25
7. Best.....23
8. Carlisle Paddles.....19

High Game: Brenda 200, C. Harris 174, C. Stevens 167.

High Series: Brenda 545, N. Cinciala 457, M. Rock 445.

High Game: R. Kea 209, W. Fedewa 191, E. Harris 182.

High Series: W. Fedewa 536, M. Keir 536, R. Kea 522.

Bowling

PIONEER LEAGUE

1. Avalanche.....34
2. Main St. Florals.....32
3. Al Bennett.....30
4. Chemical Bank North.....29
5. Terry's 76.....27
6. Dawson's.....25
7. Millikin's.....24
8. Skip's Sport Shop.....23

High Game: M. Perez 202, L. Hetrick 201, L. Tobin 200.

High Series: L. Tobin 560, M. Perez 545, J. Hinds 516.

TRIANGLE LEAGUE

1. Milltown Feed & Lawn.....98
2. Straits Corp.....90½
3. Down River Pines.....89½
4. Parsons Advertising.....76
5. Jack the Tinner.....74
6. Glen's Mkt.....52
7. Team No. 8.....52
8. Williams 211, J. Southard 208.

High Game: R. Pyle 234, 235, D. Williams 581, J. Southard 543.

SUNDAY AFTERNOON FUN

1. Dinner Bell.....39
2. Dee's Ice.....35
3. Grayling Restaurant.....30
4. Murdicks.....27
5. Spike's.....25
6. Plaza.....25
7. Legion.....23
8. Sawmill.....20

High Series: J. Budd 515, C. Porter 512, D. Henning 509.

High Game: J. Budd 189, D. Mathley & C. Porter 184, J. Budd 179.

High Series: M.L. Porter 486, T. Papendick 473, L. Hetrick & P. Harwood 472.

High Game: T. Papendick 192, M.L. Porter 183, T. Henning 178.

Grayling Opens at Home With 66-52 Victory

Grayling overcame first game jitters at home to beat Rogers City 66-52 last Friday. Besides being Grayling's home opener, the Friday game was also the start of Michigan Huron Shores Conference play.

The Vikings started slow and trailed Rogers 16-6 after

8 minutes.

"We were tight and tentative in the first quarter," said Viking coach Tom Mills. "On defense we played like our feet were glued to the floor. Our defense must be good to get our offense going. When we don't react on defense, our offense doesn't react either. Our defense sets the tempo for us."

Mills said Todd McLane came off the bench to fire the team up in the 2nd quarter. With McLane playing outstanding defense to lead Grayling, Jeff Palmer scored 11 and Todd Hull scored 9 to help Grayling outscore Rogers 23-13 in the 2nd quarter. Hull connected on two three-pointers during the 2nd quarter to help tie the game 29-29 at halftime.

Grayling continued their strong play outscoring Rogers 19-5 in the 3rd quarter.

Hull led the team with 17 points, Palmer had 15, Bud Ostrowski 14, John Kinnee 7, McLane 7, Rob Ellsworth 4, and Craig Hudson 2.

Kinnee had 11 rebounds to lead the team. McLane led with 4 steals, Palmer led with 3 blocked shots, and Ostrowski led with 6 assists.

The Vikings shot 26 of 56 from the floor. From the line, Mills said the team has to improve if they want to be a contender.

"We're shooting 50% as a team right now from the free throw line. In close games that will hurt us unless we improve."

The J.V. team coached by Dan Ullery won a thriller 41-40 as they came from 4 points down in the last half minute. Kurt Schmidt made a break-away lay-up to pull

the Vikings within 2 points. Then with 9 seconds left, Kirk Annis was fouled and made the first free throw. He missed the second free throw and Chad Bonamie grabbed the rebound and scored the game-winning basket.

Annis scored 11, Bonamie 8, Brian Palmer 6, Ron Doe 6, Matt Branch 4, Shane Fraser 2, Schmidt 2, and Kevin Austin 2.

Annis had 15 rebounds and Doe had 11 rebounds and 4 steals.

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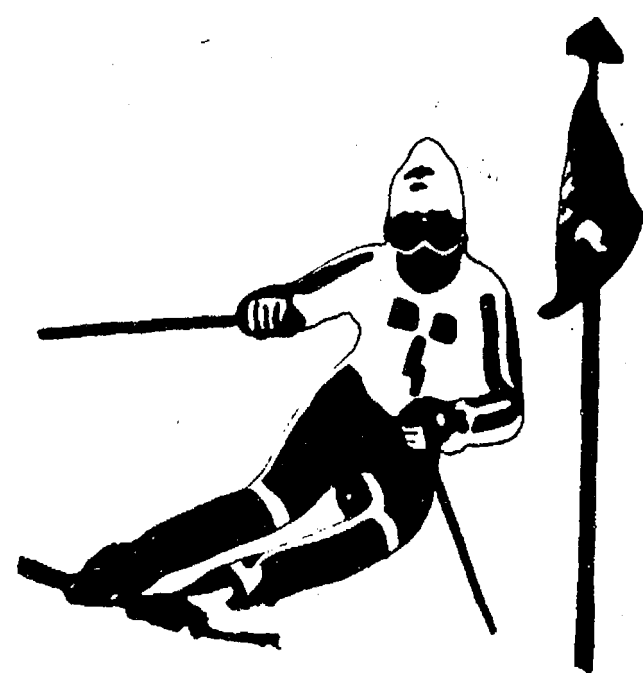
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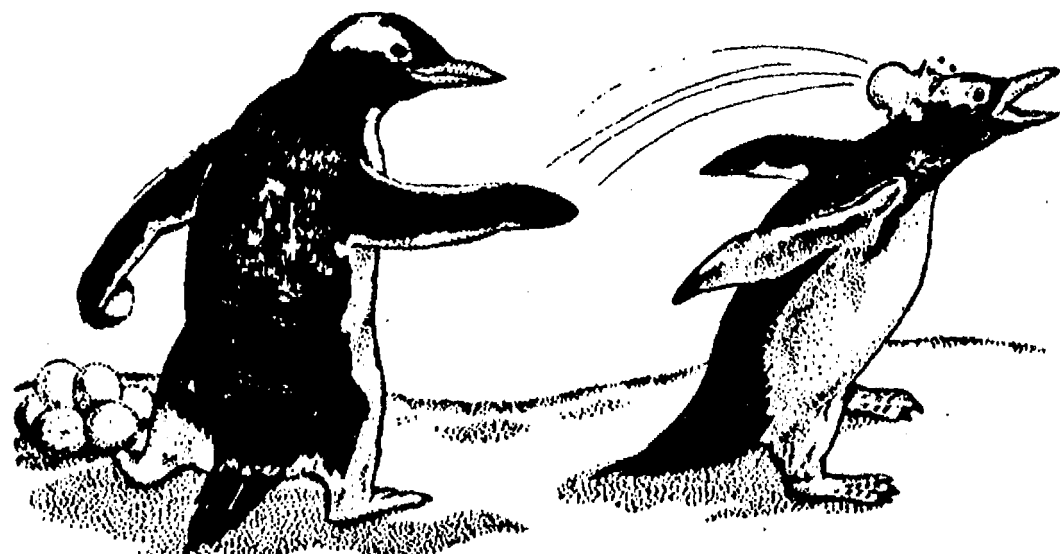
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Grayling State Bank Bucks	1-1
Maxi-Muffler Jets	1-1
Laurines Wolverines	1-1
Grayling Rotary Blades	1-1
Weyerhaeuser Jr. Vikes	1-1
Leonard's Electric Bullets	1-1
Perez CPA 76'ers	0-2
Scheer Motors Tigers	0-2
Pizza Hut Blazers	0-2

Jr. Vikes 40 - Blazers 18 — Jr. Vikes: Richard Doe 3; Scott Stade 1; Minard Howard 3; Jeremy Lawrence 7; Nick Bedard 3; Rawley Robins 21; Charissa Brooker 2; Blazers: Jason Hatfield 5; Amy Neal 3; Dave Othberg 4; Andy Hunter 3; Joe Wagner 2; Joshua Schoen 1.

Gunners 33 - Jets 12 — Gunners: Dana Beckwith 3; Kristina Harris 5; Dan Bonamie 1; Justin Roy 2; David Harris 9; Jason Hall 2; Nick Schreiner 2; Jacob Beckwith 9; Jets: Jeff Hale 3; Tina Lobsinger 1; Corey Northrop 4; Bryan Sims 4.

Bucks 20 - 76'ers 18 — Bucks: Sarah Medler 3; Joshua Eldridge 3; Matt LaForest 12; Joe Collen 2; 76'ers: Mike Knight 6; Jennifer Wilkins 2; Joe Medeiros 4; Johnathon Welt 5.

Pacers 37 - Tigers 12 — Pacers: A.J. Stencil 2; Erin Patrick 2; Jon Sanchez 4; Mike Moshier 2; Seth Madsen 5; Jason Thompson 22; Tigers: Sean Casey 4; Jim Beck 6; Sarah Amman 2.

Pistons 44 - Wolverines 23 — Pistons: Travis Weaver 5; Nat Weaver 1; Kevin Langseth 7; Dan Ray 11; Carl Hartley 7; Scott Hartman 13; Wolverines: Steve McEvers 9; Travis Hopp 5; Mandy McEvers 1; Chris LaChappelle 5; Jennifer Wejrowski 3.

Bullets 28 - Blades 10 — Bullets: Brandon Rousseau 1; Chris Kucharek 7; Marcus Ritter 7; Miguel Perez 13; Blades: Dale Sturdant 2; Sam Meoak 1; Bobby Deman 5; Brad Larm 2.

5th & 6th GRADE
Grayling Hospital for Animals Bulldogs 2-0
McDonald's Celtics 2-0
Rochette's Raiders 1-1
Chemical Bank North Bees 1-1
Sorenson's Funeral Home Bandits 1-1
Al Bennett Ford Mustangs 1-1
Holiday Inn Hornets 0-2
Mac's Drugs Mauraders 0-2

Bulldogs 30 - Mustangs 21 — Bulldogs: Angela Mertes 2; Mike Fleming 2; Chris DiPonio 10; Paul Hartman 10; Valerie Ames 2; Rande Flowers 4; Mustangs: Chris Jones 5; Corey Guster 2; Shane Hinkle 10; Mike Harris 4.

Celtics 31 - Bees 28 (overtime) — Celtics: Brandon Walsh 15; Chip Waite 2; Bob Harrison 4; Chris Wolcott 6; Anthony Dobry 4; Bees: Dave Rogan 2; Patrick Nolan 19; Nathaniel Rosi 2; Nick Stencil 3; Brian Duncley 2.

Raiders 20 - Mauraders 14 — Raiders: Bruce Dale 16; Tim Warner 2; Lynne Rochette 2; Mauraders: Jason Lademan 2; Wendy Suddeth 2; John Vicars 2; Jaime Andrus 2; Donn Gugin 4; Jason Hartley 2.

Bandits 44 - Hornets 16 — Bandits: Jeff Mier 14; Mike Johnson 4; Jennifer Fassinger 4; Max Thompson 4; Ron Hough 10; Charlie Kucharek 8; Hornets: Misty Burden 2; Joshua Cox 2; Michelle Sampsel 4; Jason Secord 6; Jerry Weaver 2.

Milltown Pool League

Men's	W	L
Red Barn	92-52	
Frederic Inn	80-64	
Legion	75-69	
Sawmill	70-74	
Hard Times	62-82	
The Swamp	53-91	

CMU Offers Classes Here

Central Michigan University is offering a series of continuing education courses in Grayling this winter.

ELE 533: "Diagnosis and Treatment of Reading Difficulties" (Sluiter) will be taught for three credit hours Tuesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 19 at Crawford AuSable High School.

SED 670: "Reading in the Secondary School II" (Lance) will be taught for three credit hours Wednesdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 20 at Crawford AuSable High School.

SPE 529: "The Gifted Child" (Delidow) will be taught for three credit hours Thursdays from 6 to 10 p.m. for nine weeks beginning Jan. 21 at Crawford AuSable High School.

SPE 577: "Learning Disorders" (Marvin) will be taught for three credit hours the four weekends of Jan. 22-23, Feb. 5-6, Feb. 19-20, and March 4-5 at Crawford AuSable High School.

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Crawford County Children on His List

Activity Increases Dramatically At Santa's North Pole

By Don Geiss

Unusual night activity has been reported at the North Pole during the past few days and it is a sign of another worldwide annual trip by Santa Claus said his neighbors.

Reliable sources say that the yard lights have been turned on for the last five evenings and that generally means the elves, under the direction of Mrs. Claus, have begun last minute assembly of some of the larger toys. The sources say that they can tell when the toys are being put together because the sound of the hammers and saws can be heard on the still night air.

Usually too, the high pitched voices of the elves can be heard as they work outside. During the rest of the year they spend much of the time in the inside workshops and so all is generally quiet. Once they open the big storage doors and begin to move the heavy equipment outdoors, the elves and Mrs. Claus can be heard shouting instructions or asking for different parts to put the toys together.

Last night, the neighbors said, the reindeer were moved out to the yard for the first time in quite a while. The snorting and pawing could be heard for many miles, it is reported. The bells from Santa's sleigh can also be heard for the first time and that means the sleigh is being readied for the long trip.

Much of what happens at the North Pole is of course guess work because only the Santa, Mrs. Claus and the elves can actually take part in the final week or so of preparations. As far as getting the sleigh ready, it is supposed that it is slid out from the shed because neighbors can hear the hiss of the runners as they glide across the snow. After that they can hear a sound which they think is that of brushes scrubbing the sides and storage compartment of the sleigh.

A loud motor noise leads neighbors to believe that a machine is being used to paint the sleigh and once the sound stops much brighter lights can be seen which is probably the heat lamps shining on the

sleigh to dry the paint faster. The last step before loading, sources say is placing the bells and testing them out so that they will ring loud and clear on Christmas Eve.

At the same time all of the outdoor activity increases, the slamming of doors and the dull thumping sounds have led the sources to believe that boxes are being moved from the storage sheds to the loading platforms. As the toys are prepared by the elves during the year they are packed immediately so that they will not be damaged. The elves then move them into the storage sheds so that they will have enough room to prepare more toys.

We asked our sources where Santa is while all of the cleaning, toy assembly and loading is taking place? The reply was that Santa makes trips to a lot of spots all over the world to talk to little girls and boys about what they want for Christmas. Of course while he is out, he checks to see which of them has been very good and which have been very bad. A reliable source has spotted Santa in Crawford County several times since Thanksgiving.

He uses the spare sleigh and another set of reindeer on those short trips, the sources say and he lands back at the pole at all hours of the night to check on the preparations for the Christmas Eve visit. Of course Santa expects Mrs. Claus and the elves to get a little sleep so it is supposed that he leaves them notes about things he wants to have done to get ready for the trip.

The neighbors were awakened about 4 o'clock this morning with the sound of loud thumping and they believe that the noise was caused by the elves starting to load the sleigh.

It is expected that a roving reporter will be on the scene during the week and will be in contact with the Avalanche by radio. A final report on the start of Santa's big trip will be made next week along with a few quotes from him as he travels up, up and away.

Bits of Talk

Former residents of Grayling, Ray and Judy Sloan, will be celebrating their 25th anniversary on December 28th. In honor of the anniversary their daughter and son-in-law, Janette and Tom Charboneau, of Oklahoma City are having a "Card Shower." They are asking all friends who wish to help celebrate to send a card to their home in Oklahoma City. The address is: Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sloan, 6058D West Britain Road, Apt. A, Oklahoma City, OK 73132.

Notice To Crawford County PROPERTY OWNERS

The 1988 May Tax Sale List is currently being prepared.

If you owe 1985 property taxes and do not want your property description published in the Crawford County Avalanche, you must have these 1985 taxes paid in full no later than January 1988.

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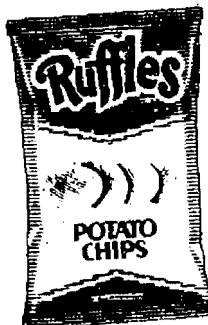
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Grayling Holiday Inn Receives International Recognition

A local Grayling business was highlighted in the December 1987 issue of "Front Line Magazine," an international publication of Holiday Corporation. The Holiday Inn of Grayling was highlighted in that publication for the unique Christmas party it is providing for its employees this year. Following is a synopsis of that article.

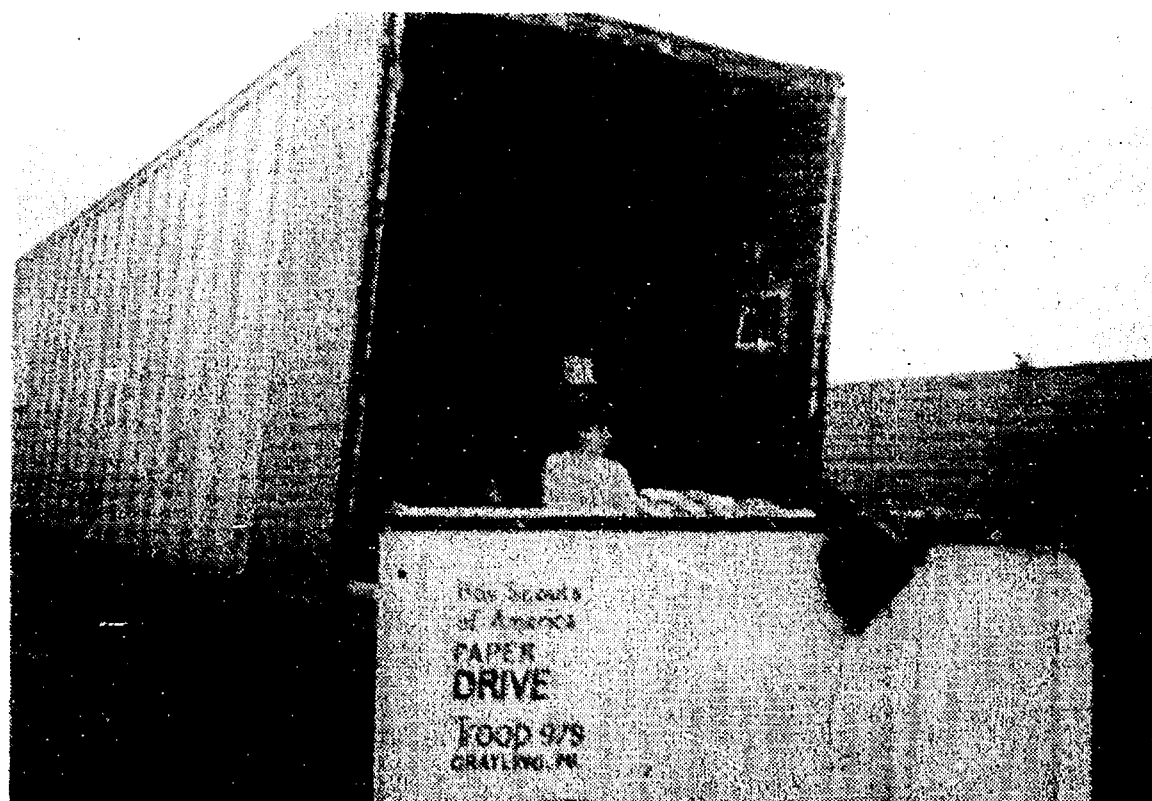
The Holiday Inn - Grayling, Michigan, is making this season a special time for some very special people — their employees. Instead of a

traditional Christmas party this year, the employees will be bused by Le Coache Tours to the Holiday Inn - East Tawas on Lake Huron to enjoy a one-night hotel stay. Each employee may bring along his or her spouse, or a friend. Each employee will be provided a guestroom for one night and a stipend toward their meals. Because the Holiday Inn of Grayling operates on a 7 day week basis, employees are splitting into two groups for the outing; one group going on December 10 and the other

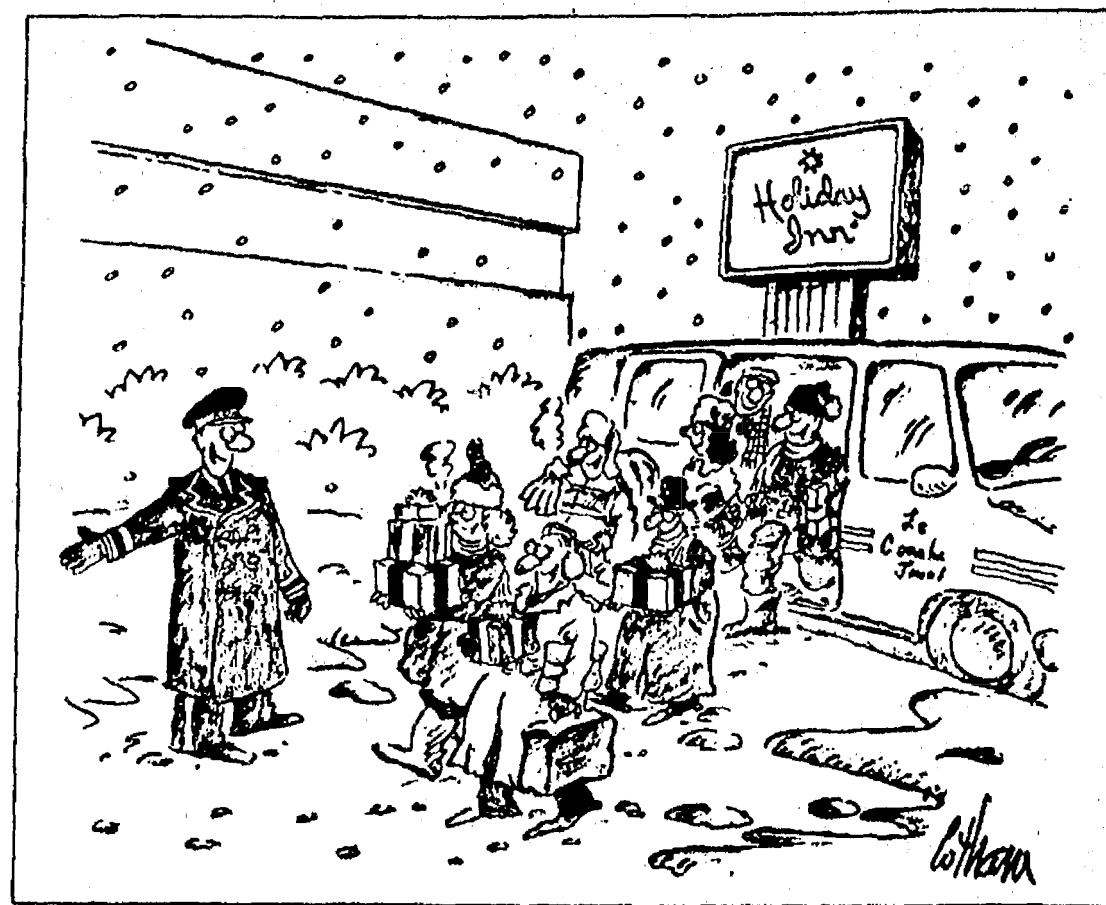
on December 17.

"We've had Christmas parties the past few years, but that gets stale," says Hertha Laupmanis, general manager of the Grayling Holiday Inn. "This is something quite different and our employees are enthusiastic about it. Aside from being a fun Christmas activity, it will also help our staff get a guest's-eye-view of hotel operations."

"Front Line Magazine" is received by employees of 1,624 hotels in 52 countries.



PAPER RECYCLING — Boy Scouts load paper onto one of two trailers donated by the Crawford and Otsego County Landfill. The local Boy Scout Troop has three drop-off sites, a new one at the South Branch Township dumpster, one at the Grayling Township compactor, and one at Goodale's mini-storage. The Boy Scouts accept newspapers, cardboard, computer paper, and office paper. Magazines can not be accepted.



Holiday Inn-Grayling, Mich., employees will visit "family" in Tawas Bay this Christmas season.

Ho Ho Hotline Lets Children Talk To Santa

Imagine the excitement in a young child's eyes when, just before Christmas, he or she picks up the phone, dials a local number and talks directly with Santa or Mrs. Claus. Imagine also the feeling that an 80-year old nursing home resident gets upon knowing that, by playing Santa or Mrs. Claus on the phone, a child's Christmas has been made even more special.

Add the two together, and you get the Hillhaven Ho Ho Hotline. Now in its seventh year, the Ho Ho Hotline has

become a truly unique Christmas tradition, and one which is getting stronger every year.

As part of this year's program, residents of Grayling Health Care Center will be answering calls and bringing Christmas cheer to the children of Grayling.

This year, callers may talk to Santa and Mrs. Claus by phoning 517-348-8283, which will operate daily, December 17 to 24 from 2-5 p.m.

Most of the residents who answer the Ho Ho Hotline are physically impaired and depend on others for part of their daily care. But all are anxious to contribute their time and affection.

"One of the most difficult parts of growing old is the feeling of uselessness that tends to overcome you," says Stephan D. Allen, Administrator. "Not only does the Ho Ho Hotline spread good cheer to callers, it also helps our residents feel wanted and needed again."

Answering the Ho Ho Hotline

line challenges the residents' creativity, exercises their humor, stretches their patience and warms their hearts, Allen added.

In years past, requests from children focused on the most popular toys at the time, like Masters of the Universe characters, Cabbage Patch dolls, and skateboards. Aside from children who request specific items, however, a great number of them wish for baby brothers and sisters, jobs for their parents and food for Christmas dinner. Some children have even asked for Santa's help in dealing with their parents' drug or alcohol addictions.

"Sometimes it's not always easy answering the Hotline, but making the children happy is what it's all about," says Bert Thompson, age 89, a resident of Grayling Health Care Center. "There's nothing quite like having a child tell me, 'Santa, I love you.'"

Frederic News

The community wishes to extend their sympathy to the family of Calla Barber and Edward Deron in Maple Forest.

Workers in Frederic will

Lovells

By Ruth Caid

The community Christmas party will be at the town hall on Saturday, Dec. 19th at 7 p.m. Santa will arrive with treats for the children. It's potluck.

Sunday school program will be at the chapel on Sunday, Dec. 20th at 7 p.m., everyone is welcome.

Eddie Harwood was among the lucky elk hunters, he bagged a 10 point, weighing over 500 pounds on Saturday.

The Cheerful Givers Club will meet at the town hall on Friday, Dec. 18th at 7 p.m., there will be a gift exchange. Come and help.

Mrs. Margie Harwood and Mrs. Ruth Caid spent a couple of days with Mr. and Mrs. Dave Paquette and family, in Mt. Clemens. While there they helped Katie celebrate her 10th birthday.

be having their annual Christmas party for the boys and girls of Frederic and Maple Forest on Saturday, Dec. 19, at the town hall, from 1 to 3. Cookies and hot chocolate and Santa will be there with a gift for each. This is also in cooperation with the Frederic Fire Dept.

On Dec. 20, at 6 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Frederic, "Christmas Returns To Bethlehem."

Coming up date Dec. 31, 9 p.m. New Year's Eve Watch-night Service, songs, fellowship, message and potluck at the First Baptist Church. There will be no Wednesday service that week. All are welcome.

Also when school is out there will be no Daniel's Band. But it will resume when you return to school.

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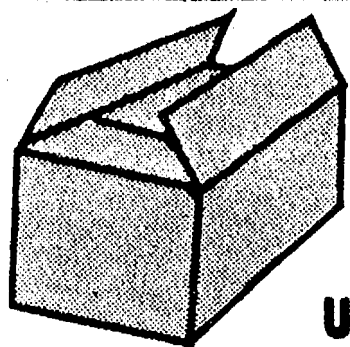
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Donna Phelps Kaminski was the honored guests at an Open House at the home of her parents, James and Mary Phelps on Saturday evening, November 28, 1987. She will graduate from Central Michigan University on December 19 with a B.S. degree in computer drafting. Friends and relatives came from Dearborn, Highland, Taylor, Caro, and Fife Lake. Grandparents Mr. and Mrs. Homer Bidwell of Grayling and Mr. and Mrs. George Phelps of Fife Lake were guests. Donna has a job with Dow Corning doing contracting work. They will reside in Midland.

Raylene Slusser and friend, Lynn Gavestine of Lansing were weekend visitors of her mother, Mrs.

Eunice Slusser. Raylene hopes to be home for the holidays, also.

Congratulations to all of the Grayling people and businesses who are doing an outstanding job in decorating their homes and places of business for Christmas.

There are more decorations and lights than I have ever seen before. It is really a pleasure to drive down Michigan Avenue either before daylight or after dark and see all the lights. I would like to mention some of the outstanding

ones that I have seen but I wouldn't want to slight anyone so I'll just tell all of you that you are doing a marvelous job. Keep it up!

New address for L.E. Overly, Heritage Hospital, Room 108, 24775 Haig St., Taylor, MI 48180.



AMERICAN FLAGS — VFW Auxiliary 3736 President Lillian King (3rd from right) and Lou-Ann Crosby, Jr. vice-president and Americanism officer, (3rd from left) presented two American flags to the Girl Scouts and Brownies and den leaders of Frederic. The girls will be learning how to handle the flags and proper care of the American symbols.

Commission on Aging

Coming attractions:
Dec. 30th, Birthday dinner at the center for all those whose birthdays fell in December. Come make a wish!

Menu and activities:

Monday, Dec. 21- 10:00- Exercises, 3:00-Songbirds, 5:00-Dinner (Ethnic Night-Chinese).

Tuesday, Dec. 22- 1:00- Merry-makers-Crafts; 1:00- Bowling; 1:00-RSVP Cards; 3:00-Kitchen Band; 4:30-Salad Bar; 5:00-Dinner (Fish Fillets); 5:30-Cards.

Wednesday, Dec. 23-10:00-

Quilting, 1:00-Stag Party, 5:00-Dinner (Salsbury Steak).

Thursday, Dec. 24- Christmas Eve - Center Closed.

Friday, Dec. 25- Christmas Day - Center Closed.

(Post Script) We will be offering frozen dinners for people who are on the Meals-On-Wheels program to tide them over the long holiday weekend; also for anyone else that might need them.

Please let us know if you would like this service before Wednesday, Dec. 23rd.

Notice of Mortgage Sale

WHEREAS, default has been made in the terms and conditions of a certain mortgage made by Bruce M. Gillis, a single man, Mortgagor, and Community Federal Credit Union, a Corporation, Mortgagee, dated 12th day of July, 1985 and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford, State of Michigan on the 24th day of July, 1985 in Liber 236, Pages 394-397, and

WHEREAS, there is claimed to be due on said Mortgage as of the date of this notice the sum of: Twelve Thousand Six Hundred Ninety-six (\$12,696.00) Dollars for principal and interest, and,

WHEREAS, no suit or proceedings at law or in equity have been instituted to recover the debt secured by said Mortgage or any part thereof, and default having been made whereby the power of sale contained in said mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, by virtue of the power of sale contained in said mortgage and pursuant to the statute of the State of Michigan in such case made and provided, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that on December 28, 1987 at 11:00 o'clock in the forenoon local time, said mortgage will be foreclosed at a sale at public auction to the highest bidder at the main lobby of the County Building, Grayling, Michigan (that being the place of holding Circuit Court in said county of Crawford), of the premises described in said mortgage, or so much thereof as may be necessary to pay the amount due as aforesaid, on said mortgage with the interest thereon as provided in said mortgage, and all legal costs, charges and expenses, including the attorney fees allowed by law, and also any sums which may be paid by the undersigned, necessary to protect its interests in the premises.

The premises covered by said mortgage are situated in the City of Grayling, County of Crawford, State of Michigan and described as follows:

Lots 5 and 6, Block 25, ROFFEE'S ADDITION TO THE VILLAGE (NOW CITY) OF GRAYLING, according to the Plat thereof as recorded in Liber 1 of Plats, Page 11, Crawford County Records.

The period of redemption, pursuant to MCLA 600.3240 (3); MSA 27A.3240(3) shall be six (6) months from the date of said sale.

Dated: October 23, 1987

Community Federal Credit Union

Edward A. Meany

Attorney for Mortgagee

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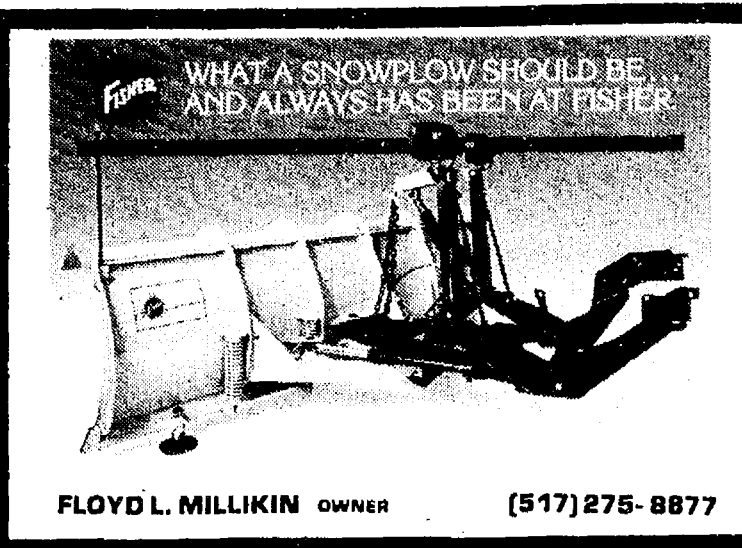
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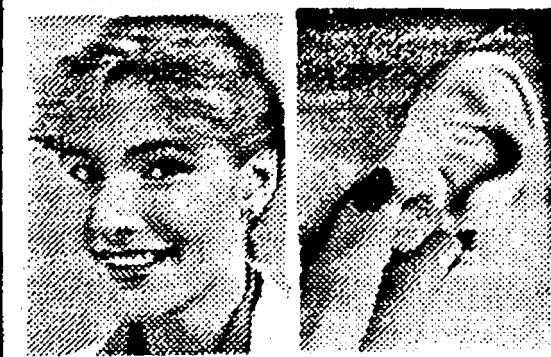
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The Bible Speaks

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The Gospel of John

Part 15 The Crucified Christ

In John 3:14, 15 Jesus took an Old Testament account of physical salvation and taught a spiritual truth about spiritual salvation. "And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life." Let us read this account in Numbers 21:4-9: "And they journeyed from mount Hor by the way of the Red sea, to compass the land of Edom: and the soul of the people was much discouraged because of the way. And the people spake against God, and against Moses, Wherefore have ye brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? for there is no bread, neither is there any water; and our soul loatheth this light bread. And the Lord sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people; and many people of Israel died. Therefore the people came to Moses, and said, We have sinned, for we have spoken against the Lord, and against thee; pray unto the Lord, that he take away the serpents from us. And Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said unto Moses, Make thee a fiery serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it shall come to pass, that everyone that is bitten, when he looketh upon it, shall live. And Moses made a serpent of brass, and put it upon a pole, and it came to pass, that if a serpent had bitten any man, when he beheld the serpent of brass, he lived."

Jesus Christ was talking about His death upon the cross for our sins. This is clear also from John 12:32, 33: "And I, if I be lifted up from the earth, will draw all men unto me. This he said, signifying what death he should die."

Just as the Jews faced physical death because of their sin of rebellion against God, even so, all of us have sinned and rebelled against God, and all of us face spiritual death. (Rom. 3:23, Rom. 6:23). God provided physical salvation for those Jews who looked upon the serpent of brass in the wilderness. Brass was a symbol of judgment and the serpent is a symbol of sin. Jesus Christ, the sinless Son of God took our sin and judgment upon himself. "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." (II Cor. 5:21).

The Jews had only to look at the brass serpent to live. We need only exercise faith by believing in Jesus Christ in His death for our sins to be forgiven and have eternal life. Salvation is all of God and all of grace. Have you believed in Jesus Christ alone for your only hope of salvation?

(Hear "The Bible Speaks" at 12:15 p.m. Tuesday on WQON 100 FM)

Pastor "B"

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The Deacon's Speakin'

Deacon Bob Nolan

Scripture Reference: Luke 1:26-38

The account of the Annunciation is doubtless one of the remembrances which the Evangelist Luke says Mary kept in her heart. Luke may have received them from the lips of Mary herself when he lived in Jerusalem during Paul's Roman captivity. The mysterious event about which Mary spoke to him in simple terms is reported by Luke in the form of an account favored by the people of his day.

The fact of the Annunciation is certain but the way the Luke tells the story does not correspond to our modern reporting methods. The beauty of the story has the advantage of leaving the field wide open to us for meditation. We are on the way of truth as we meditate on the account of the Annunciation. But we can easily imagine that the truth Mary revealed to Luke was even richer, much more profound, much more beautiful.

"She was deeply troubled by his words, and wondered what his greeting meant." Mary was troubled. The mere appearance of the Angel created an intense surprise, but the Angel's words deeply disturbed her because through them she understood that he was bringing her an extraordinary message. In fact, the greeting "Rejoice, O highly favored daughter! The Lord is with you" is made up with terms which apply to Jerusalem.

It is these terms that trouble Mary. The rest of the message will allow her to understand. In the same way, God's interventions in

our life, even when He does not ask extraordinary things of us, immediately causes us to question ourselves. Like Mary, we must continue to pray and listen.

Mary asks questions. What must she do to respond to the demand of the Lord when she sees an obstacle regarding one point. To become the mother of a son seems impossible to her. She is not married, only promised to Joseph. She values her virginity and does not understand why she must sacrifice it. She explains that she is unable to see how it is possible for her to become a mother. But she does not cut off discussion; she continues to listen to the Angel.

"I am the maidservant of the Lord. Let it be done to me as you say." Mary gives her consent. By this consent she becomes the Mother of Jesus, the Son of God, Who is also truly man thanks to her. She consents because she understood what God expects from her.

Likewise, the Lord asks of us things that are not understandable and seemingly contradictory. We are permitted to question Him prayerfully, because He wishes that we consent to His will after prayerful reflection and with complete freedom.

It is getting cold outside; find some warmth at your local Catholic Church.

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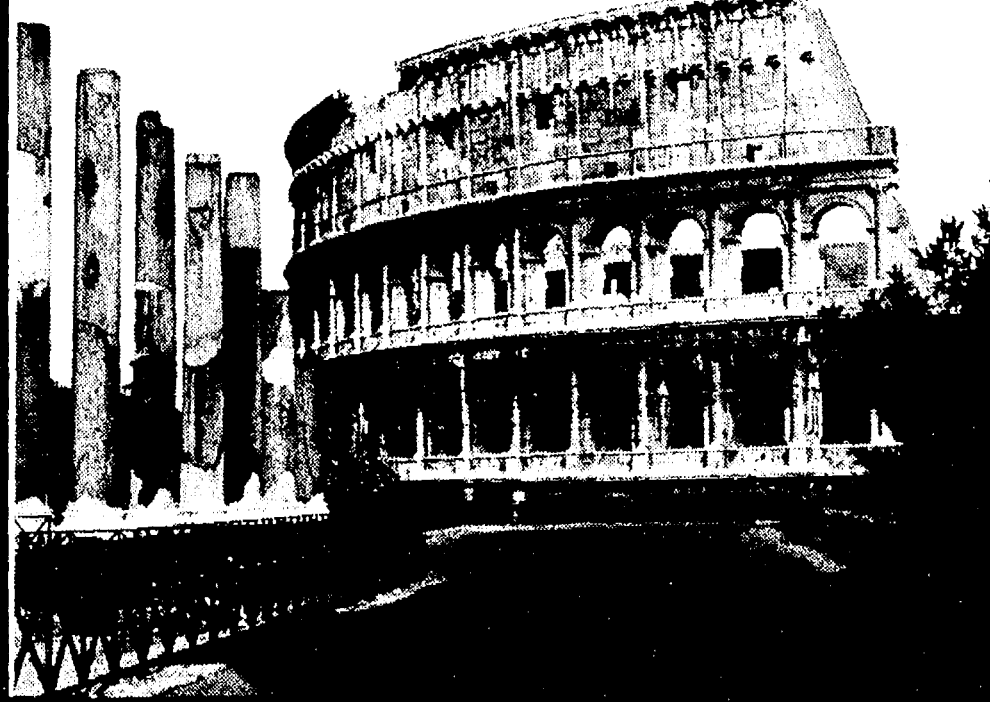
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Tuesday Psalm 147:1-20	Saturday Mark 148:1-14



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In A.D. 155 Polycarp, Bishop of Smyrna, declared: "My God, in what a generation thou hast caused me to live!" Of course, it was a day of persecution for the good Bishop and many of his people. Fact is, not long after that, he was burned at the stake. Yet, in his opinion and experience, it was a great day in which to live.

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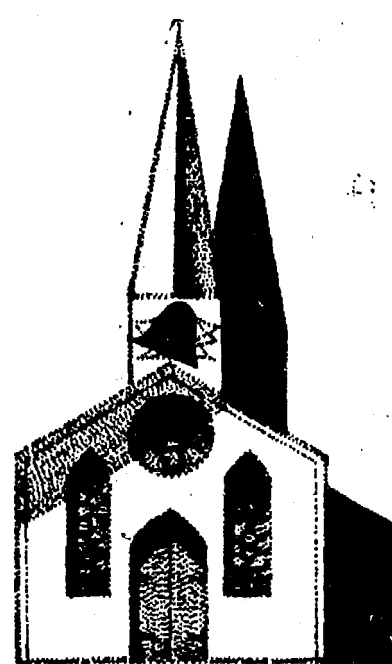
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Road Commission Minutes

NOVEMBER 13, 1987

A regular meeting of the Crawford County Road Commission was held in their office in Grayling. Chairman Kraus presiding. Present were: Commissioner Grover Cason, Engineer-Manager John Keir and Accounting-Clerk Joanne Thompson. Absent: Commissioner Norman Parker.

The minutes of the previous meetings of October 16th and 30th, 1987 were read. Commissioner Cason made a motion to accept the minutes as read, seconded by Chairman Kraus. All voted in favor, minutes approved.

Payroll Voucher Number 22 in the amount of \$24,220.80 and Material checks numbered 12765 - 12827 in the amount of \$20,421.78 were ratified from the October 30th meeting which was cancelled.

Payroll Voucher Number 23 in the amount of \$23,966.01 and Material checks numbered 12829 through 12884 in the amount of \$31,232.85 were presented to the Board for approval of payment. Chairman Kraus made a motion to accept the vouchers, seconded by Commissioner Cason.

Permits received and signed were General Telephone to bury cable on North Down River Road in Grayling Township and on Manistee River Road in Frederic Township. Shell Western E & P to conduct a seismic survey in Lovells Township.

A notice was received from Bituminous Materials Company inviting the Board to a retirement gathering for Bill Miller.

Engineer-Manager Keir informed the Board that the Letter of Understanding from Michigan Department of Transportation regarding Night Patrol had several changes. Primarily, an effort should be made to reduce overtime hours and expenditures.

Discussion was held on truck specifications and bids shall be let January 8, 1988. Also that the next regular scheduled meeting of November 27th will be changed to November 25, 1987 due to the Thanksgiving Holiday.

There being no further business before the Board, a motion was made and seconded to adjourn. All voted in favor, meeting adjourned.

Joanne Thompson
Accounting-Clerk

Gloria Kraus
Chairman

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone for the cards, flowers, food and the beautiful dinner served by the Maple Forest Women's Club. A special heartfelt thanks to Robert and Susan Keene for being there when we needed them most. A special thanks to Deacon Robert Nolan and Father Gerald Micketti for the beautiful mass, and also to Derek McEvers for all his special help during need.

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Legal Notice

STATE OF MICHIGAN
In The Probate Court For
The County of Crawford
File No. 87-4503

CLAIMS NOTICE
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Estate of CALLA L. BARBER, DECEASED. Social Security Number 368-68-1190.
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Your interest in the estate may be barred or affected by the following:

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2. An instrument dated August 10, 1977 has been admitted as the will of the decedent.

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Notice is further given that the estate will be thereafter assigned and distributed to the persons entitled to it. David R. Sabin, P.C. P19822 708 Michigan Ave., Grayling, MI 49738 (517) 348-5588 -17-

Notice of Mortgage Sale

Default having been made in the conditions of a certain Mortgage made by DAVID W. VOLKENBORN and SARAH H. VOLKENBORN, husband and wife, of 3265 W. Fletcher Road, Roscommon, MI 48653, to NBD ROSCOMMON BANK, formerly The Roscommon State Bank, a Michigan Banking Corporation, 701 Lake Avenue, P.O. Box 38, Roscommon, MI 48653, dated January 7, 1987, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds for the County of Crawford and State of Michigan, on January 12, 1987, in Liber 256 of Mortgages, on pages 505-508, on which Mortgage there is claimed to be due at the date of this notice, for principal and interest the sum of Eighteen Thousand Six Hundred Sixteen and 95/100 (\$18,616.95) Dollars, and no proceedings having been instituted to recover the debt now remaining secured by said Mortgage, or any part thereof, whereby the power of sale contained in said Mortgage has become operative.

NOW THEREFORE, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that by virtue of the power of sale contained in said Mortgage thereof and in pursuance of the statute in such case made and provided, the said Mortgage thereof will be foreclosed by a sale of the premises therein described or so much thereof as may be necessary, at public auction, to the highest bidder, at the front door of the Courthouse in the City of Grayling, and County of Crawford, Michigan, that being the place of holding the Circuit Court in and for said County, on 20 January 1988 at 10:00 a.m., of said day, and said premises will be sold to pay the amount so as aforesaid then due on said Mortgage together with Eight and one-half (8.5%) per cent interest, legal costs, attorney's fees and also any taxes and insurance that said Mortgagee does pay on or prior to the date of said sale; which said premises are described in said Mortgage as follows, to-wit: Township of South Branch, Crawford County, Michigan:

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The period of redemption will be six (6) months from the date of sale.

Dated: 17 December 1987
Gerard F. Brabant P31123
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NOTICE

Crawford County Transportation Authority
Proposed State & Federal Section 18 Application
For Operating and Capital Assistance

All citizens are advised that the Crawford County Transportation Authority has prepared an application for State of Michigan financial assistance as required under Act 51 of the Public Acts of 1951, as amended, and for federal Section 18 assistance as required under the Urban Mass Transportation Act of 1964, as amended.

The Proposed application is on file at Crawford County Transportation Authority Administrative Offices, Grayling McNamara Airport, Grayling, MI, and may be reviewed during a 30-day period ending January 25, 1988 between the hours of 9 a.m. and 5 p.m.

Written comments are invited on the application. Alternatively, any citizen may request in writing that a formal hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and environmental effects of these proposals. Written comments or written requests must be received on or before January 25, 1988.

Submittals should be mailed to Crawford County Transportation Authority, Dave Frederick, Post Office Box 166, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

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EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 1, 1987

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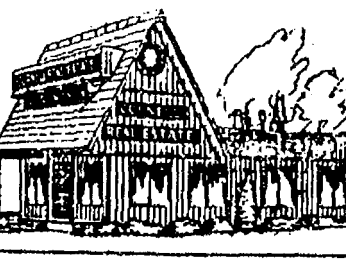
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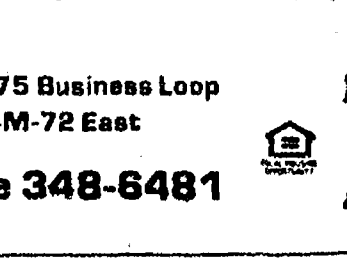
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Misc. /7

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Personals /9

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Michelson Presents Cantata

One of Grayling's Christmas traditions is the annual Christmas Cantata by the Michelson United Methodist Church. This year the 40-voice Senior Choir, directed by Carol Beck, along with the 3 octave Hand Bell Choir, prepared by director, Karen Wadsworth, presents "Kingdom."

This piece is a collection of songs and scriptures which describes how the Kingdom of God was introduced to us through the birth and life and death - and resurrection

of Jesus. Soloists and ensembles will again aid in the telling of this story. Heather Ralph, Marianne LeVigne, Lorna Morse, Jim Wadsworth, Bill Greene, and Arnie Stencil will be heard in solo capacities. Also included will be a Men's Quartet (Paul Gorten, Paul Smith, Ken Louchart, Bill Greene) and a Women's Trio (Carol Money, Karen Wadsworth, and Bonnie Smith).

Chuck Spencer has again consented to narrate for the

cantata. Presentations will be during the 11:00 Worship Service

and again for the community at 3:00 p.m. on Sunday, December 20th.

Camp Grayling Range Firing

Range firing will be conducted at Camp Grayling during Dec. 16-23 in the following areas:

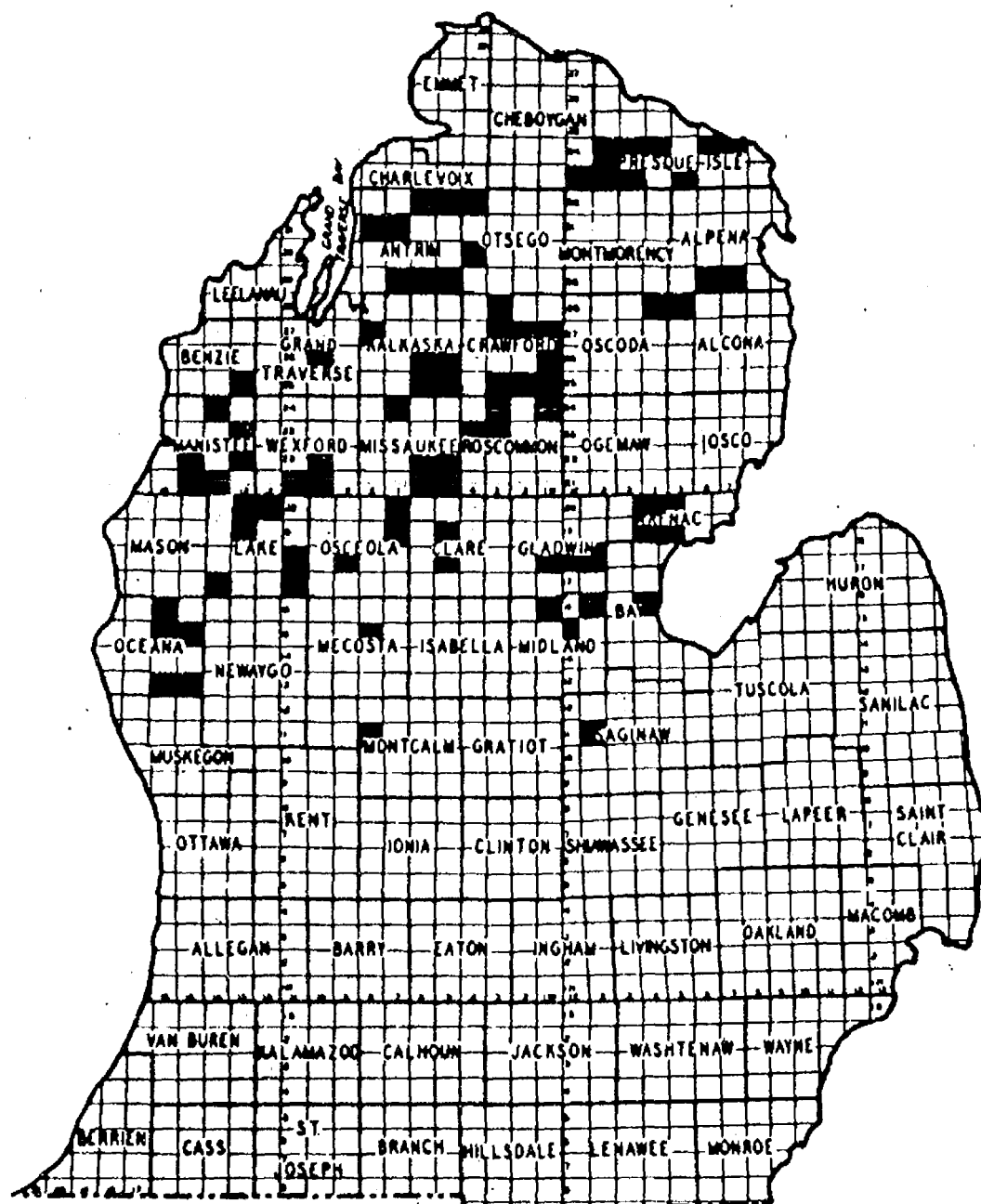
The Range 40 Complex located north of County Rd 612, east of Guthrie Lake, south of Old State Rd 618, and west of County Rd F97 (Twin Bridge Rd). Firing will begin at 8:00 a.m. (Daily) 16 Dec. and cease at 5:00 p.m. (Daily) 23 Dec. 1987.

The Ranges will be closed to the public during these periods and all persons are warned to keep out of the areas identified.

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STATE OF MICHIGAN NOTICE OF PROPOSED OIL AND GAS LEASE SALE CLASSIFICATIONS OF STATE-OWNED LANDS



The Department of Natural Resources (DNR) proposes to offer at public auction sale, oil and gas lease rights in approximately 97,000 acres of State-owned minerals within the areas shaded on the above map. The lands have been classified as "development" or "nondevelopment". A "nondevelopment" lease classification means that use of the surface is prohibited unless expressly authorized by the Natural Resources Commission. A "development" lease classification means that the surface can be utilized for operations under the lease providing the lessee has first obtained a drilling permit from the State Supervisor of Wells. All leases contain a provision for payment of reasonable damages claimed by the surface owner for any losses resulting from operations under the lease. The lands under consideration for leasing are located in the following counties and townships:

ALCONA: Mitchell, (T28N, R5E); **ALPENA:** Ossineke, (T29N, R6 & 7E); **ANTRIM:** Mancelona, Custer, Echo, Central Lake, (T29N, R5-7W, T31N, R5 & 7W); **ARENAC:** Deep River, Arenac, Clayton, Mason, (T19N, R4 & 5E, T20 N, R4 & 5E); **BAY:** Fennell, (T16N, R4E); **BENZIE:** Colfax, (T25N, R13W); **CHARLEVOIX:** Hudson, Boyne Valley, Wilson, (T32N, R4-6W) **CHEBOYGAN:** Forest (T33N, R1E); **CLARE:** Lincoln, Greenwood, (T18N, R5W, T19N, R5W); **CRAWFORD:** South Branch, Beaver Creek, Lovella, Grayling, Maple Forest, (T25N, R1-3W, T26N, R1W, T27N, R1-3W, T28N, R3W); **GLADWIN:** Hay, Grim, Buckeye, (T18N, R1 & 2E, T18N, R1W); **GRAND TRAVERSE:** East Bay, (T26N, R10W); **KALKASKA:** Garfield, Bear Lake, Oliver, Kalkaska, (T25N, R5 & 6W, T26N, R5 & 6W, T27N, R8W); **LAKE:** Chase, Lake, Pinora, Peacock, Newkirk, Eden, (T17N, R5 & 6W, T18N, R11W, T19N, R13W, T20N, R12 & 13W); **MANISTEE:** Norman, Stronach, Dickson, Brown, Marilla, Springdale, (T21N, R14 & 15W, T22N, R13 & 15W, T23N, R13W, T24N, R14W); **MECOSTA:** Martiny, (T15N, R8W); **MIDLAND:** Lincoln, Edenville, Mills, (T15N, R1E, T16N, R5 & 6W, T22N, R5 & 6W, T23N, R7W); **MONTCALM:** Pine, (T11N, R8W); **OCEANA:** Greenwood, Otto, Leavitt, Elbridge, Crystal, (T13N, R15 & 16W, T15N, R15 & 16W, T16N, R16W); **OSCEOLA:** Cedar, Middle Branch, Marion, (T18N, R9W, T19N, R7W, T20N, R7W); **OSCODA:** Clinton, (T28N, R4E); **OTSEGO:** Hayes, (T30N, R4W); **PRESCQUE ISLE:** Allis, Case, Metz, Bismarck, Pulawski, Krskow, (T33N, R2, 3 & 5E, T34N, R2, 3, 4, 6 & 7E); **ROSCOMMON:** Markey, Lake, Au Sable, Gerrieh, (T23N, R3 & 4W, T24N, R1 & 3W); **SAGINAW:** Fremont, (T11N, R2E); **WEXFORD:** Cherry Grove, Henderson, Selma, (T21N, R10 & 11W, T22N, R10W).

Surface owners of lands where the State-owned mineral rights are being offered will be notified prior to the lease sale.

Detailed maps showing the location of the lands proposed to be offered at the sale, and their classification, are available for review by all interested parties in the following State of Michigan DNR offices: Forest Management Division, Stevens T. Mason Building, Lansing; DNR Regional Headquarters located at 8717 N. Roscommon Road, Roscommon and General Office Building, State Secondary Complex, Dimondale; Michigan DNR District offices located at 1732 W. M-32, Gaylord; 8015 S. 131 Road, Cadillac; 191 S. Mt. Tom Road, Mio; 501 Hemlock St., Clare; 350 Ottawa, NW, Grand Rapids; and 715 S. Cedar Street, Inlay City.

Maps may also be obtained by submitting to the Forest Management Division, DNR, Box 30028, Lansing, MI 48909, a stamped, pre-addressed envelope for each township for which a map is desired. THE NAME OF THE COUNTY, TOWNSHIP AND RANGE NUMBERS MUST BE CLEARLY IDENTIFIED IN THE LOWER LEFT-HAND CORNER OF EACH ENVELOPE. If maps for all of these townships are desired, please contact the Real Estate Division, Box 30028, Lansing, Michigan 48909, (517/373-7663).

Written comments by interested parties relative to the classification of any description must be received by the Forest Management Division at the address specified above NOT LATER THAN February 4, 1988. Any requests for change in classification must specify the reason, and will be considered by the Department prior to offering the lease rights at public auction, with final classification to be set at the sole discretion of the Natural Resources Commission.

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Grayling Township Notice

The Grayling Township Planning Commission will hold a public hearing at 7:00 p.m. Tuesday, January 5, 1987, at the Grayling Township Office, M-72 West Plaza, Grayling to receive and review public comment on the following case:

Case 87-14: Planning Commission, petitioner. A request to amend Grayling Township Zoning Ordinance 83-4 to change the requirements under which members of the horse family (equines) may be allowed in the R-F (Recreational Forest) Zone.

Following is a synopsis of proposed regulations. Complete tentative text and zoning map are available at the Grayling Township Office during regular office hours.

1. Minimum acres: One equine on three acres and one for each additional acre to a maximum of four equines.
2. Corral and stable constructed in accordance with BOCA Code required along with permit and site plan.
3. Minimum square feet: Stable for one equine 144 sq. ft. Corral for one equine 2500 sq. ft.
4. 100 feet minimum setback from all lot lines.
5. Natural vegetation buffer strip 50 ft. from lot lines.
6. Manure storage minimum of 100 feet from lot lines.
7. 150 feet additional Green-Belt setback.
8. Possible wetlands clause.

Correspondence may be directed to: Grayling Township, P.O. Box 521, Grayling, MI 49738. Phone (517) 348-4361.
Monica S. Ashton
Clerk

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EARLY CHRISTMAS PRESENTS — You can pick up Christmas presents for the children early at the county animal shelter. Your kids won't mind receiving a puppy or kitten before Christmas.

District Court

The following persons appeared in 83rd District Court before Judge Francis L. Walsh:

Mark Anthony Peever, 34, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of Grayling City Ordinance No. 4 - Disorderly person. He was fined \$85 or 10 days. He was cited Nov. 6, 1987.

Kenneth Lee Vaughn, 26, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of driving with revoked license. He was fined \$205 or 30 days. He was cited by the sheriff dept. on Oct. 16, 1987.

Scott Paul Benson, 24, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of damage to livestock (killing rabbits) by dog. He was fined \$105 or 10 days and \$80 restitution. He was cited by the sheriff dept. on July 6, 1987.

Aaron Michael Vincent, age 21, of Grayling, plead guilty to a charge of illegal entry without permission. He received 90 days in the county jail. He was cited by Sept. 19, 1986.

James Morris, 43, of Saginaw, demanded preliminary examination on a charge of no account check. He was fined \$200 cash or surety. He was cited on Feb. 22, 1986 following a citizen complaint.

Gerald Russell Weatherly, 25, of Mt. Clemens plead guilty to a charge of driving with a suspended license due to unpaid tickets. He was fined \$105 or 10 days. He was cited by the sheriff dept. on Sept. 3, 1984.

Lori Ann Vaughn, 20, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination to a charge of Breaking and Entering unoccupied. A \$5,000 personal bond was set. She was cited Oct. 5, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

Christy Lynn McCullough, 26, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination on a charge of breaking and entering unoccupied. A \$5,000 personal bond was set. She was cited Oct. 5, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

Charles Jordan Johnston, 19, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination on a charge of felonious assault. A \$2,000 personal bond was set. He was cited March 31, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

Charles Jordan Johnston, 19, of Grayling, demanded

ENGAGEMENT — Donald and Patricia Legg of Grayling announce the engagement of their daughter Linda Sue to James E. Teeple, son of James and Aileen Teeple of Mayville. A January 16th wedding is planned.

preliminary examination to a charge of larceny in a building. A \$2,000 personal bond was set. He was cited Oct. 19, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

Phillip Wayne Hardy, 19, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination to a charge of resist and obstruct an officer. Bond was set at \$1,000 cash or surety. He was cited by the sheriff dept. on Nov. 12, 1987.

Alan Eric Weiss, 20, of Okemos, was bound over to circuit court on a charge of larceny in a building. A \$2,000 personal bond was set. He was cited by the city police on July 24, 1987.

Justin Matthew McClain, 19, of Grayling, demanded preliminary examination on a charge of larceny in a

building. A \$2,000 personal bond was set. He was cited Oct. 19, 1987 following a citizen complaint.

James Leigh Jones, 24, of Sandusky, Mi, plead guilty on a charge of impaired driving. He was fined \$355 or 30 days, license suspended 90 days, and restricted license for work. He was cited by the city police on July 10, 1987.

Dennis Allen Ross, 26, plead guilty on a charge of Grayling City Ordinance No. 4 - Disorderly person. He was fined \$105 or 10 days. He was cited by the sheriff dept. on Aug. 23, 1986.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

**Crawford County Transportation Authority
Declaration of Intent
Regarding
The Provision of Transportation Services
To
Handicapped Individuals**

The Crawford County Transportation Authority operates a rural demand-response mass transit bus system; a.k.a. Crawford County Dial-A-Ride.

During Fiscal Year 1986/87 (October 1, 1986-September 30, 1987) CCTA vehicles traversed an audited total of 376,002 miles, during 19,100 vehicle hours of operation.

The number of individuals transported during this same time period was 128,383. Of this total number of individuals 3,122 were sufficiently handicapped as to require a wheelchair lift equipped vehicle, another 24,253 riders were senior citizens, and the remaining 100,410 were designated as "regular" passengers by virtue of their being neither senior citizens nor handicapped individuals.

The CCTA operates a fleet of eleven (11) vehicles. Nine (9) of the eleven (11) are considered primary and two (2) are regarded as back-up. Seven (7) of the eleven (11) vehicles are equipped to make wheelchair lifts. The CCTA has no intention to lessen the percentage of buses in its fleet which are adequately equipped to serve the handicapped.

Modifications in service schedule, fare rate structure, or service area, which effect the accessibility of public transportation services to handicapped individuals or senior citizens, shall be preceded by: (1) public notices announcing the CCTA Board's intent; (2) public hearings wherein any affected citizen may freely express his/her opinion regarding the proposed changes prior to their implementation; and (3) the Board's taking the comments of affected individuals into consideration as a part of its deliberation process.

Written comments, from the public, are invited respective to this public notice. Additionally, any citizen may request in writing that a formal public hearing be held concerning the social, economic, and/or environmental impact of any topic included within this PUBLIC NOTICE. Written comments, or written requests, must be received within thirty (30) days of this notice; i.e. January 25, 1988.

Submittals should be addressed to David C. Frederick, Crawford County Transportation Authority, Post Office Box 166, Grayling, Michigan 49738.

Obituaries**Agnes Weitz**

Agnes J. Weitz, 91, of Timberview Village, Frederic, died Thursday, December 10, 1987, at Mercy Manor.

Mrs. Weitz was a homemaker, and previously lived in Buffalo, New York. She made her home at Timberview Village since 1982. She was preceded in death by husband, Eugene, in 1953, and leaves, one half sister, Helena Siwanowicz of Marine City, and one niece, Frances Lademan, of Frederic.

Funeral services were held Monday, Dec. 14, at 10:00 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Reverend Gerald Micketti officiated with Deacon Bob Nolan assisting. Burial will be in Mount Calvary Cemetery, Buffalo. Pallbearers were members of the Knights of Columbus, Sam Patti, John Kapets, George Matyn, Jerry Fagan, Leonard Blackmer, and Leo Cavanaugh.

Edward Deron

Edward Deron, 72, of Maple Forest Township, died Monday, December 7, 1987, at Munson Medical Center, Traverse City.

Born June 3, 1915, in Detroit, Mr. Deron has lived in Maple Forest since 1979. He had been employed as a Pipefitter-plumber for the Ford Motor Co., and previously lived in Livonia. He was a member of the White Eagle Post 166, and V.F.W. Post 3941, Livonia.

Funeral services were held Friday, December 11, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary's Catholic Church. The Reverend Gerald Micketti officiated, assisted by Deacon Bob Nolan. A Rosary was recited Thursday evening at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Mr. Deron leaves his wife, Shirley (Miller) Deron, three sons, Dennis, of Canton, Gerald, of Westland, and Edward, of Grosse Pte. Farms. Also, two sisters, Irene Brzeski, of Detroit, and Stella Dinatale, of Garden City; seven grandchildren, one step-grandchild and two great grandchildren. Burial was in Maple Forest Cemetery. Pallbearers were, Edward Deron, Gerald Deron, Dennis Deron, Edward Deron, Robert Brzeski, and Donald Dinatale. Both Edward Deron's are nephews of the deceased.

Arthur Fritz

Arthur G. Fritz, Sr., age 90, of Blue Lake Township, died Wednesday, Dec. 9, 1987, at Mercy Hospital.

Funeral services were held Saturday, Dec. 12, at 11 a.m. at St. Mary of the Woods, Kalkaska. The Reverend Patrick Barrett officiated. Burial was in Mancelona Township Cemetery. A Rosary was recited Friday evening at Sorenson Funeral Home.

Born October 20, 1987, in Hamtramck, he was a retired office manager for Alcoa Aluminum in Detroit. Mr. Fritz had been employed by Alcoa for fifty years, and had been office manager for thirty five years before his retirement. He was a life member of Moose Lodge #160 in Detroit. He has resided in Blue Lake for the past fifteen years.

Mr. Fritz, leaves his wife, Golda (Hoagland) Fritz, of Blue Lake, one son, Jack, and his wife, Jennie, of Squaw Lake, and daughter-in-law, Ruth (Mrs. Arthur G. Fritz, Jr.) of Blue Lake. Also six grandchildren, and 11 great grandchildren.

Pallbearers were Gary Fritz, Fred Fritz, John Fritz, Gene Fritz, John Slater, and Stan Schwartz.

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Dec. 31 — 7 p.m. New Year's Eve Worship

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Features

WEEKEND CROSSWORD

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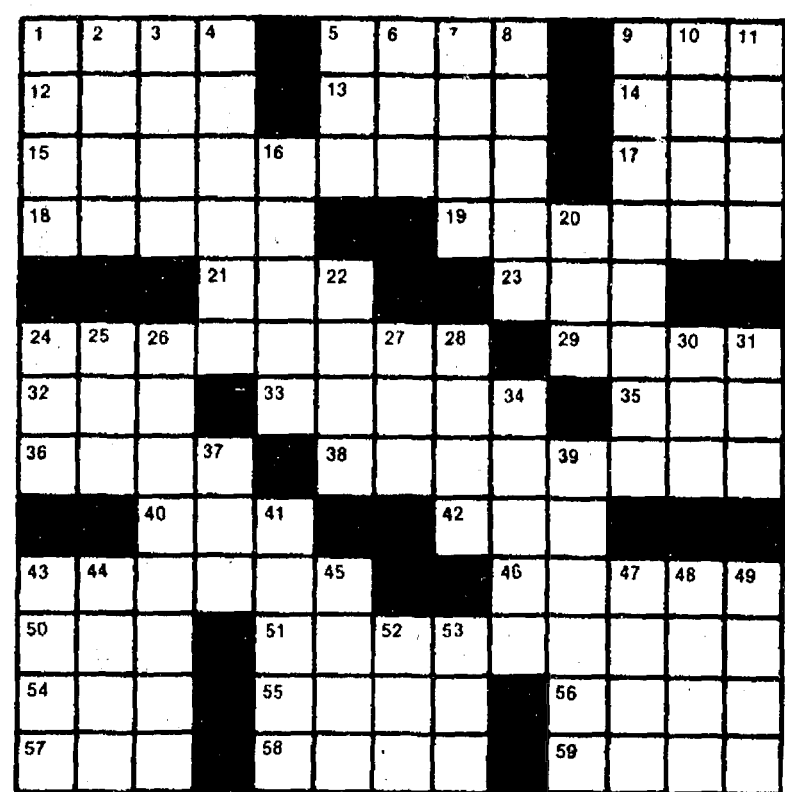
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50 Waste cloth
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1 Kind
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6 Mimic

THIS WEEK'S PUZZLE ANSWER

7 Twine
8 Willow
9 Wall writing
10 African river
11 Again (Ger.)
12 Deserve
13 Florida (abbr.)
14 False god
15 Bottle top
16 Unil
17 Gaseous element
18 Female sheep
19 Registers (abbr.)
20 Old auto
21 Jap. currency
22 Radio locating system
23 Age
24 Of a tribe
25 Heron
26 Snare
27 Possess
28 Type of lily
29 Terrible
30 Sarl
31 Ammunition
32 Five dollar bill (slang)
33 Employ



Your Week Ahead Horoscope

Forecast Period: 12/20 - 12/26/87

- ARIES**
Mar. 21-Apr. 19
Friendly contacts made during the holiday festivities give you the encouragement you need to make a big change.
- TAURUS**
Apr. 20-May 20
Joint resources are accented. A trip home for the holidays could get things back in perspective.
- GEMINI**
May 21-June 20
You could be due for a big surprise in your relationship with one who is near and dear to you.
- CANCER**
June 21-July 22
Don't be surprised at some of the changes in work areas proposed by management. The need for improvement is evident.
- LEO**
July 23-Aug. 22
Enjoy the sparkling atmosphere of the holidays. The new Moon signals a new direction in the romance department.
- VIRGO**
Aug. 23-Sept. 22
Planets spotlight happy developments around your base of operations. A long absent family member is apt to make an appearance.
- LIBRA**
Sept. 23-Oct. 22
Unexpected news gives you a lift and causes you to make changes in travel plans. Make no snap judgments.
- SCORPIO**
Oct. 23-Nov. 21
It's a little late now for holiday shopping but you can still pick up the special gift for the special person.
- SAGITTARIUS**
Nov. 22-Dec. 21
Sunday's new moon gets you off to a bright new start in personal affairs. Your personality draws others like a magnet.
- CAPRICORN**
Dec. 22-Jan. 19
Honoring an obligation is a very benevolent gesture. You gain the advantage in a very surprising way.
- AQUARIUS**
Jan. 20-Feb. 18
Be flexible and ready to adapt to the rapid changes taking place in your immediate surroundings.
- PISCES**
Feb. 19-Mar. 20
Business matters demand a little reconsideration. Honor and popularity puts a different light on things.

BUDDY'S WORKSHOP

Masonry Bit Doesn't Cut It

I don't know if I'm doing something wrong or not. Drilling holes with a masonry bit for shelving seems to take a long time. The bit is brand new, too, so it can't be that. I thought it would be easy to get through concrete.

It is easy to get through concrete block, but poured concrete is a little denser, therefore tougher to drill through. Also, drilling is easier if you use a half-inch drill that has variable speeds. As funny as it may sound, the slower the bit spins the better it drills, and the half-inch drill has the necessary power to operate at such a low speed.

We're getting ready to move, and I remember the last time all too well. Do you have any tips to make this time easier? We'll have plenty of help from friends, so we won't be short-handed.

One thing to do that will save a lot of time is to draw a giant floor plan of your new home and attach it to the wall so it can be seen as soon as you enter. Then, using those colored dots you can purchase at any office supply store, color code all the boxes so whoever is carrying them will know exactly where they go. For instance, a green dot on a box goes in the kitchen, so put a green dot in the kitchen area of your floor plan. This will free at least one person from standing at the front door telling everyone where each box or piece of furniture goes.

When words are not defined clearly they can cause confusion, and this is what has been happening with the word "efficiency." From the homeowner's viewpoint this word should be defined in dollars: How much usable heat do I get for each dollar I spend for energy?

A vest-pocket folder published by the Better Heating-Cooling Council shows this at a glance, for electricity, gas and fuel oil, taking into account the typical operating efficiencies of various types of heating systems.

Send a stamped, self-addressed envelope for "Fuel Cost Facts" to Better Heating-Cooling Council, P.O. Box 218, Berkeley Heights, NJ 07922.



Resource Review

Bruce Patrick
Conservation Officer

About 200 million years ago, the class of animals we call birds developed from the reptiles. Not only are the anatomy and embryology of birds and reptiles similar, but birdlike reptiles and reptilian birds coexisted at that time.

The most obvious bird characteristic is the feather. No other animal has quite this kind of body covering. Along with the birds' wing and beak, feathers make birds so recognizable, there is probably none anywhere that could be mistaken for anything except a bird.

Other unique characteristics of birds are: fore limbs (wings) adapted for flight; an elongated and ridged sternum (chest) for support of internal organs while in flight and the attachment of large muscles to make flight possible; light weight bones with many air spaces; a toothless digestive system; and fused collarbones (clavicles) which form a "wish-bone".

Each species of bird has its own characteristics as well, making them a highly diverse and important class

of animals. Some are important to us as food. Domestic chickens, turkeys and ducks for example. Others we value as game animals as well as sources of food - woodcock, pheasants and grouse for example. A very valuable but often maligned life style, that of the vultures and other scavengers is often overlooked. But perhaps the most widespread "use" of birds is the untold hours spent watching and listening to the over 20,000 species of birds which exist today.



Doodles From The Tall Timber

Wendell L. Hoover
Park Interpreter

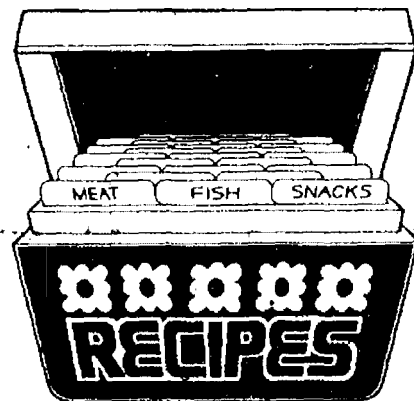
It has been hectic the last few weeks, but on the other hand it has been interesting to say the least. I don't have to comment on the weather as you have been experiencing the same thing I have, and the recent snow makes it feel more like Christmas is just-around the corner.

Winter or at least this time

of year is a pretty drab period what with the trees being bare of leaves and the pines seem more black than green. Before the snow came the Trailing Arbutus still showed up as bright green against the accumulation of newly fallen leaves and needles. The Wintergreen berries were bright red and will remain so until next

spring. The deer and partridge will search out patches of wintergreen so long as the snow doesn't get too deep.

Nature may seem to be without color or decoration, but did you observe the fairy tale world the recent snow created out of the trees and brush? Have you noticed the last of the winter apples hanging on a tree like the ornaments on your Christmas tree? There is much to see during the winter, but we just have to look a little harder. Take heart though because next week at this time the days will begin to get longer. Have a Merry Christmas.



BEEF GOULASH SOUP

- 2 tablespoons butter
- 2 tablespoons corn oil
- 1 tablespoon sweet Hungarian paprika*
- 4 cups sliced Spanish onions
- 1 pound filet mignon tail, in 1/2-inch cubes
- Freshly ground black pepper (20 turns of the mill)
- 1 tablespoon minced garlic
- 1/4 pound fresh mushrooms, sliced
- 2 tablespoons chopped parsley
- 3 cups peeled and cubed potatoes
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water
- 1 cup Chicken Stock
- 2 cups Beef Stock
- 1 cup sour cream

Serves 4-6

1. In a 12-inch sauté skillet, heat the butter with 1 tablespoon of the corn oil until the butter melts. Add the paprika and the onions; sauté over medium heat for about 10 minutes or until the onions start to brown.

2. While the onions are sautéing, place an iron skillet over high heat until it smokes. Add the remaining tablespoon corn oil and heat until very hot. Add the beef cubes and sauté a few minutes or until they have browned. Add the pepper. Turn off the heat. Do not wash this skillet.

3. To the skillet containing the onions, add the garlic and sauté about 1 minute. Add the mushrooms, parsley, the browned beef, potatoes, and salt.

4. Deglaze the iron skillet with 1 cup water. Add the deglazing liquid, the 1 cup chicken stock and 2 cups beef stock to the soup. Turn the heat to high and bring the soup to a simmer. Turn the heat to low. Cover and simmer for about 1 hour, stirring occasionally.

5. Serve piping hot with sour cream on the side.

Beef Goulash Soup lasts for several days in the refrigerator. It also freezes well.

*Note: Taste the paprika before using. It should be sweet. If it is not, reduce the quantity to 1 teaspoon.

NOTICE TO BIDDERS

Sealed bids will be received at the office of the Crawford County Road Commission, 320 State Street, Post Office Box 674, Grayling, Michigan 49738 until 10:00 a.m., January 8, 1988 for the following:

GRADER BLADES

Bid forms and specifications may be obtained at the above office.

The right is reserved to reject any or all bids or any part thereof, and to make the awards deemed to be in the best interest of Crawford County Road Commission.

BOARD OF CRAWFORD COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION

G. Kraus, Chairman
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G. Cason, Member

-17-24-31-

Poet's Corner Game Laws

There were a lot of game law violations
In this country years ago
A man had to feed his family
Though his wages were real low.

In the days back in the thirties
When most folks were so poor
A man couldn't let his kids go hungry
When there was meat outside the door.

They didn't do much damage
There was a lot of game in that day
They were doing what they had to do
To keep the wolf away.

There was no money to buy a license
But they needed the game
It might have been illegal
Still they hunted just the same.

That was the only excuse they had
That the times were really tough
When better times got started
Most of them said "that's enough"

A few still wanted to play the game
Although the need was past
They regarded violating as a right
They were taught a lesson fast.

The Game Warden whose eyes were bad
While the need was really there
Now had twenty twenty vision
And seemed to be everywhere.

They have put teeth in the game laws
That only a damned fool will deny
They don't catch everybody
But you just might be the guy.

The judge will fine you a pile of money
Enough to really make you yell
He'll also see you spend some time
In the county's free hotel.

So hunters, you better remember
If you don't want to pay the price
Before you touch that trigger
You better be thinking twice.

Joe Murphy
Grayling

(Avalanche readers are invited to submit poems for this corner. Please send only one double-spaced typed poem at a time with your name and address.)

Kalkaska Animal Clinic

Dr. Gerald Poppy

We'll be making regular calls to the Grayling area to provide horse and farm animal care.

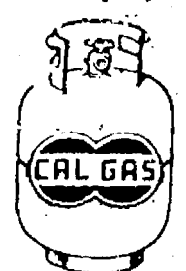
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Business



CORNELL REALTY — A real estate company with more than \$5 million in sales volume last year.

By Don Geiss

The changing economy was the subject as Cornell Realty's John Naour and Paul Thomson reminisced about lake front prices that were about \$100 per front foot in the 1960's and now run about \$500 per front foot.

The two men were talking about the changing costs while discussing the history and present operation of the company. It began they said early in the 1950's when Willard "Butch" Cornell took out a license as a real estate salesman. He had been in the insurance business full time for about a year after having been a school superintendent and coach.

Tom Evans, a retired corporate vice president, went into partnership with Cornell shortly after he obtained his license. Over the years the real estate business grew to the point where in 1967 the two men took in Clyde Borchers as a partner. Until 1969 they worked out of the Cornell home on Maple at Lake Street.

They moved into new quarters in what is called the old Harwood house which is now the site of the law offices of Bloomquist, Wegner and Hunter at 306 State Street.

In addition to real estate sales the three men under another name developed many subdivisions over the years. In 1972 the company moved to the present location on the corner of the I-75 Business Loop and M-72 East. That same year Evans retired and Cornell passed away leaving Borchers as the sole owner. He remained the majority stockholder un-

til his death in 1979.

In 1981 Thomson purchased Borchers stock and along the way was joined in ownership with Art Weideman who retired in 1983 and Harvey Rowland who retired in 1984. At that point John Naour purchased stock in the company and now he and Thomson are its remaining stockholders.

Naour said that during the period of 1979 to 1981 there was a very low economic period and it affected real estate sales. Even at that, he said, the sales people at Cornell made a living. He commented that since he joined the company in 1972 there has been a steady stream of people coming north looking for that retirement home or weekend cottage.

Thomson said that people came up with a travel trailer, bought a lot, added a lean-to, then more additions until they finally pulled out the trailer and ended up with a cabin.

Naour pointed out that the seven full-time people working there have been with the company for many years. In 1973 one year after he started Clarence "Curly" LaMotte began work there. Marge Roper has been with them even longer, he noted, as she started in 1967. Norma Naour joined the company in 1982 as did Margaret Chappell although her experience is vast since she was in the real estate business with her husband in 1966. Craig Hinkle joined the company in 1980. Others on the sales staff include John Hartman and Ed Mullin.

Naour pointed out that Cornell is the only area member of the National Association and Michigan Association of Realtors. He noted that they are also members of the Water Wonderland Board of Realtors which includes Otsego, Oscoda, Cheboygan and Crawford Counties. These associations work under a strong code of ethics, he noted, as well as conduct quarterly conferences with many

allied educational programs.

The company has qualified appraisers who work for financial institutions, and persons settling estate claims. Naour noted that they are exclusive brokers for all Farm Home foreclosures in Crawford, Alcona and Oscoda Counties.

In connection with the large business the company has in retirement and cottage sales they advertise in many statewide publications including the Detroit News, Michigan Outdoors Magazine, and papers in Birmingham, Saginaw, Bay City and Lansing. They also publish a unique area map which covers beyond the borders of Crawford County.

In his reflections of unusual happenings while he has been with the company, Naour remembers the man who bought a small cabin over the telephone. The man called, according to Naour, and asked if he had something listed nearby where he could just have enough room to hang his hat and do a little trout fishing. There was a small one room cabin for about \$5,000 that he described to the man. He said he would take it and shortly thereafter sent a check for the full amount.

Three years later, he said, the man stopped in and told him how much he enjoyed his little hideaway. He assumed that the man had ended up catching all of the trout he wanted and thus was completely satisfied with his bargain.

Another happening which involved Norma Naour was that of an elderly lady all alone in the world to whom she had sold a small cottage with very few amenities. For some reason the lady adopted Norma and every time she had a problem she turned to her for help. One day she called and told her that she thought she was having a heart attack. Norma asked her if she had called an ambulance. The lady had not but instead had called Norma. Norma then called the ambulance and told the driver she would meet them and guide them to the lady's cabin.

Thomson pointed out the continuing series of new ideas pursued by Cornell. He noted that recently they have entered into an arrangement with Rutter's Building Supply and are working with them on building new homes. Two of the homes are under construction in Red Wing Terrace on

North Down River Road while two others have already been completed. He said that most of the construction is done for individuals although there has been some speculative work. There are many plans to choose from or a home can be built on the buyer's specifications.

Naour said that the most important aspect of the company operation will remain real estate sales. He noted that volume continues to grow each year with over \$5 million in 1986 as compared with about half that amount sold in the late 70's. Currently, he said, 50 percent of the sales are residential and of the total sales 50 percent are through a mortgage, 33 percent on land contract and the balance are cash.

Naour commented that the company has always provided each new buyer with a routed name sign as a token of appreciation.

Examples of the Cornell Company aggressive sales work can be seen by the many "for sale" signs which dot the area. Even more importantly for buyers and sellers are the many Cornell "for sale" signs which have a "sold" label printed across them.

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The family of Calla Barber wishes to thank the staff of Mercy Manor, Dr. Gosling and the staff of the Family Practice Clinic for their excellent care and kind attention.

We also thank the Frederic Community for the funeral dinner, cards, calls and other acts of support. Thank you, also, to all the other friends who expressed their sympathy and offered their kind support.

Petrosky Receives National Scholarship

Brenda Petrosky, a 1982 Grayling High School graduate, has been awarded a \$1,000 scholarship from the Stephen Burton Memorial Scholarship Fund. Each year the American Business Women's National Scholarship Fund selects a special field of study to receive the award.

This year the scholarship was awarded to a woman student planning to receive a degree no later than spring semester, 1989, in the field of Hotel and Restaurant Administration.

Brenda Petrosky was selected from a field of national candidates. She is attending Oakland Community College in Farmington Hills and will receive her degree in June of 1988. Following graduation from high



Brenda Petrosky

school, Brenda worked for several years in food and hotel service and decided that her goal of getting into administration and management could be realized with a formal education and degree. She carries a 3.8 GPA and states that there was an advantage in working before deciding to pursue her college education. It gave greater focus to the benefits of a college experience.

Locally the American Business Women's Association has awarded scholarships to women and young girls starting their education since 1969. The Stephen Burton Memorial Scholarship Fund is offered from the National Board of Trustees of A.B.W.A. and all women are encouraged to apply from all over the country. The candidates for the special scholarships do not have to be sponsored by a local chapter.

The Grayling Charter Chapter will be announcing the special field of study for this year's award as soon as they are notified. The chapter will also be announcing information about their own locally sponsored scholarships early in the Spring.

Women Aglow Meet Dec. 19

Grayling Women Aglow will be having their Christmas meeting Saturday, December 19, beginning with breakfast downstairs at Bear's Country Inn at 9 a.m. This will be a time of special Christmas joy and celebration. There will be inspiring music and song.

Patricia Petrie will be the speaker and her subject will be the Glory as of the Only Begotten of the Father.

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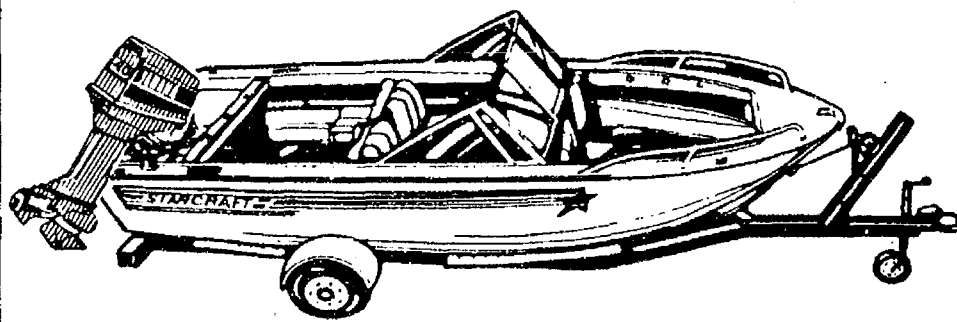
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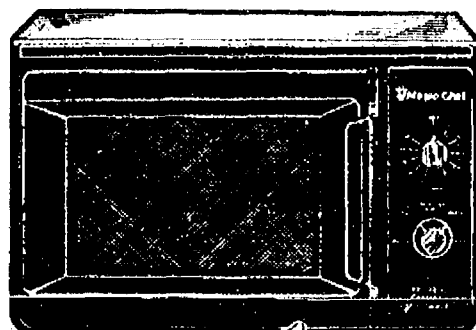
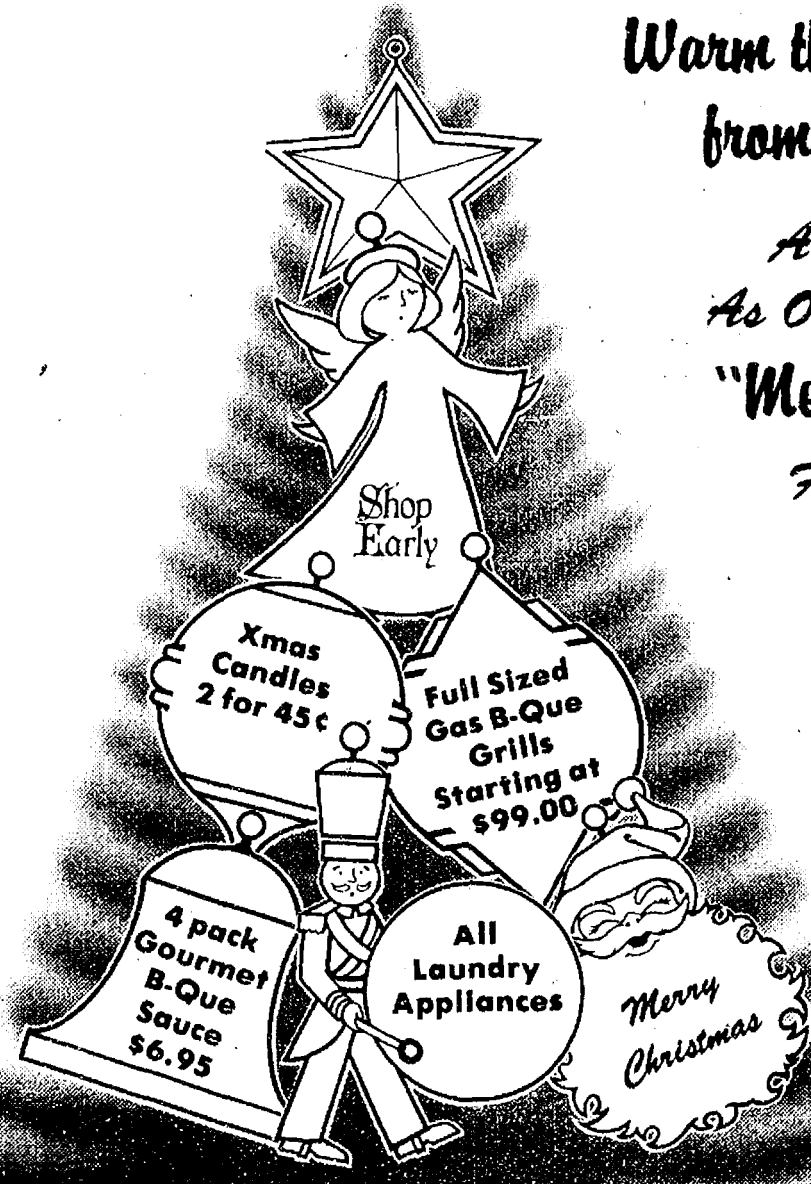
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